The Harveian



Term 4. 2024-2025

Dear Parents/Carers

A shorter term has flown by, but there is still much to report on in this edition of The Harveian. Our boys in Year 11 and Year 13 have been busy getting themselves ready for the GCSE and A Level exams that will shortly begin, and we wish them all the best of luck in that endeavour. However, I will also repeat one of my favourite historical quotes from a WW2 US General - George S Patton Jr, who once famously said that "there is no such thing as luck, merely opportunity meeting preparedness." Let's hope all our boys facing examinations are feeling supported and well prepared for the challenges ahead.

Enjoy a well-earned Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all when we return on Tuesday 22nd April.

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Mr. S. Norman Headteacher



Thank you to the students and staff who contributed to this edition. Contributions from students and parents/carers are always welcome.

Dates for the Diary

Term Dates (2024–2025)

Term 5: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6: Monday 2nd June 2025 - Thursday 17th July 2025

Training Days

- Friday 18th July 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Events

APRIL

•	Tuesday 29 th April 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
•	Wednesday 30 th April 2025	School Musical (ending 2 nd May)

MAY

•	Tuesday 6 th May 2025	GCSE / A-Level Examinations
		(ending 20 th June)



SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP

The library operates a not-for-profit stationery shop, selling essential stationery items at cost price.

PRICE LIST

BIRO (BLACK)	10p
BIRO (GREEN OR PURPLE)	10p
EASY GRIP FINELINER PEN	30p
PENCIL	10p
EASY GRIP PENCIL	25p
PENCIL SHARPENER	10p
RUBBER	10p
HIGHLIGHTER	30p
30cm RULER	20p
15cm RULER	10p
PROTRACTOR	10p
COMPASSES (NO PENCIL)	35p
EXERCISE BOOK (A4 purple)	50p
COURSEWORK FOLDER	15p
40g GLUE STICK	50p
CLEAR PENCILCASE (for exams)	75p
REVISION CARDS (25 cards)	50p
REVISION CARDS (PACK 150) £2	2.80



EXAM KIT for just £1.85

Clear Pencil Case containing:

2 x Black Biro 1 x Pencil 1 x Pencil Sharpener 1 x Rubber 1 x 15cm Ruler 1 x Protractor 1 set of Compasses ...which should be everything you need for exams

Spotlight on School Meals

We all know that food plays a significant role in determining our children's health and wellbeing, and can directly affect their day to day performance and concentration levels at school. You may have read in the national press recently about the fed up Headteacher in Southampton who sent a letter to parents apologising for the poor-quality food served in his school canteen by the school's contract caterers. 'How difficult is it to bake a potato?' he asks...

Here at The Harvey Grammar School, we are very proud of our food provision supplied by IFG (Impact Food Services), and would like to recognise this by showcasing what The Harvey Grammar School Diner has to offer your child. Prepared and cooked fresh on site daily, by our passionate catering team led by Pip Whelan; the menu changes daily with fried food served only once a week. Fresh salad or vegetables are served with every meal, unless of course your child decides they would not like these served. Halal, Vegan and Vegetarian options are available.

Pip's team are also fully trained on Food Safety, including Natasha's Law, which educates them on the importance and seriousness of food allergens and allergic reactions. This will no doubt provide peace of mind to those parents and carers

Breakfast available 8am to 8.50am

- ✓ Fresh Danish
 Pastries &
 croissants
- ✓ Toast
- ✓ Full English
- ✓ Pancakes
- ✓ Waffles
- ✓ FREE porridge
- ✓ And much more...

whose children suffer from allergies or have additional dietary needs.



The number of staff queuing up alongside our pupils is testament to the quality and value of the offering. I think you'll agree from the photos below that Pip and her team are doing a sterling job in both the preparation and serving of school meals at HGS.

"Our aim is to serve more children, good, wholesome food. Everyone is included in our Diner and goes away happy."

Diner and goes away happy." Pip Whelan, Chef Manger

(Right) IFG team: Pip, Marie, Leanne, Shani,

Amy, Darina, Jill and Kay





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(Left) Blue Dot Meal Deal: Any 4 items for £2.50. Choose from a selection of rolls, pastries, fruit, cake, pizza, jelly, yoghurt and more.

(Right) Christmas Lunch: Served over 2 days to accommodate the whole school.



British Pie Week: Both sweet and savoury options available.









(Left) Curry Thursday; (Centre) Flatbreads, Noodle Pots & Pasta Pots; (Right) Roast dinner served every Wednesday;



Weekly menus are on display in the diner.

Please ask your child to speak to a member of the diner team about food allergens, if applicable.



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ARVEY

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Book and lyrics by Eric Idle Music by John Du Prez & Eric Idle

Wednesday 30th April Thursday Ist May Friday 2nd May 7.00pm

Tickets Adults Stop Available So pupils Sple Upils Stop

A new musical lovingly ripped off from the film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" From the original screenplay by Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, Michael Palin

CHOOL EDITION

Original Broadway Production produced by Boyett Ostar Productions, The Shubert Organization, Arielle Tepper Madover, Stephanie McClelland/Lawrence Horowitz, Elan V McAllister/Allan S. Gordon, Independent Producers Network, Roy Furman, GRS Associates, Jam Theatricals, TGA Entertainment, and Clear Channel Entertainment

GOD video presented by arrangement with Ambassador Theatre Group

"SPAMALOT School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), www.theatricalrights.co.uk

Library News

Welcome back, book lovers! This term, our school library is brimming with exciting activities to celebrate literature, history, and a little seasonal fun.



First up, in honour of **National Women's History Month**, we shone a spotlight on books written by women and those featuring powerful female protagonists. From classic authors who paved the way to contemporary voices shaping the future, there was something for everyone.

The last week of March was **Shakespeare Week**, where we challenged students to test their wit and wisdom with our puzzle challenge.



Finally, to add a touch of adventure to the season, don't miss our **Easter Egg Hunt**! But this is no ordinary hunt—students who find laminated eggs will unlock a chance for a lucky dip prize! The catch? You'll need to read the selected book and ace the accompanying quiz. It's a perfect mix of reading, fun, and reward!

Make sure to visit the library and take part in these fantastic events. Whether you're looking for inspiration, a challenge, or just a cosy corner to get lost in a story, we've got you covered.



Happy reading! 🗄 🛠

Hair today gone tomorrow!

For me (Brann H), growing my hair was not just a style choice—it was a mission. Three years ago, at just nine or ten years old, I learned about The Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides wigs for children with cancer. Inspired by my sister's involvement, I did not hesitate when my mum asked if I wanted to donate my hair.

What started as an enthusiastic "yes" quickly turned into a real test of patience and perseverance. The early days were tough—my head felt like it was baking in the sun, and strangers often mistook me for a girl. Things got even harder when I started secondary school, where some classmates teased me and called me a girl on purpose.



It was not easy, I admit. There were times I came home in tears because of what people said. But I kept going because I knew it was for a compelling cause.

Now, after three years of dedication, I am preparing to cut my hair for the big donation. Despite all the challenges, I am proud of what I have achieved and hopes to inspire others to consider donating their hair as well.

"I want kids going through tough times to feel a little more like themselves." My journey serves as a reminder that small acts of kindness, even ones that take time and effort, can make a substantial difference.

If anyone would like to contribute to Brann's great cause, please follow the 'Just Giving' link below or contact Mr Castle in the Endeavour House Office.

JUST GIVING LINK:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/brann-hughes-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



On Tuesday 25th February, ahead of the GCSE Options Evening, Year 9 pupils were involved in an **Enterprise Activity Day**. Working with Business Mentors through **Enterprise4Learning**, pupils worked in teams to design a white-knuckled roller coaster ride.

Working to a specific brief, each team had to:

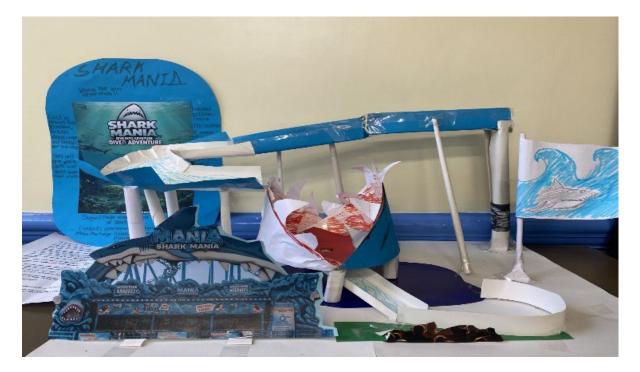
- Design and build a working, architectural model of their ride
- Agree a company name for their group and the ride
- **M** Decide on the location for their ride and justify their decision
- **d** Create a poster to advertise their ride in mainland Europe
- A Prepare and give part of their presentation in a foreign language
- A Present and demonstrate their working model to their Business Mentor





Year 9 was divided into six groups with five teams-of-six in each. Pupils worked really well together throughout the day to produce a fantastic range of rollercoaster designs between them. They delivered their presentations before the winning teams from each of the six groups came together for the final.

The final winning team were all from **VJ3** (**Victory House**), with their design and presentation for their ride; **Shark Mania**! Congratulations to all the winning teams and well **done** to all.







Year 9 Imperial War Museum Trip

Year 9 historians embarked upon a trip to the Imperial War Museum in London on the 26th February and 27th February 2025.

The focus of the trip was to view and research the Holocaust exhibition with a teaching session from museum staff. This exhibition holds a variety of books, artworks, letters and personal objects, ranging from jewellery and clothing to toys and musical instruments, along with over 2,000 photos. It is a huge gallery spanning two floors, bringing together the stories of real people from the Holocaust and the Second World War. This visit really helped to connect classroom learning with artefacts from the period.

The Imperial War Museum has a variety of galleries and the pupils were able to explore a number of them in the afternoon. The First and Second World War Galleries were very popular with the pupils. The pupils explored weapons from both wars and also a First World War trench. The accompanying sound effects certainly woke us up! There was also a temporary exhibition called 'new gallery called 'War and the Mind'. Here pupils can explore how human thought, emotion, and behaviour is critical to war. The exhibition investigates the many psychological dimensions, from the First World War to the present day.

We had two wonderful day out. The opportunity for learning outside of the classroom, exploring artefacts and real stories has been missed, so it is great to be able to offer these experiences once again.



My thanks go to Ms Anckorn, Mrs Collins, Mrs Ewins, Mr Guck, Mrs Myers, Mrs Lynch and Mr Cowling who accompanied myself and the 150 Year 9 pupils over the two days.

Mrs M Collingwood

The Imperial War Museum

On Wednesday the 26th of March, the other year 9's and I went to the Imperial war museum. The Imperial war museum has everything warfare from modern to World War 1. In the main hall there are many things, some hanging from the ceiling and some on the ground. One of the things that hung was a Spitfire that was used in World War 2 in the Battle of Britain. This Spitfire had 13 pilots and which 6 of them survived the war. Another thing that hung from the ceiling was a Kamikaze suicide bomber, this particular one never went into action which is why it was still intact. The suicide bomber is rocket powered so that it can crash at a high-speed exploding and killing the pilot, hence the name suicide bomber. In the main hall you can also find the V-2 rocket, a missile designed by Dr. Von Braun. The V-2 was deployed in London and killed over

12,000 people. The V-2 is an extremely powerful rocket, all this power comes from the rocket powered engine. The designer (Von Braun) was later captured, after it was deployed, by the Americans, they then interrogated him and later he joined NASA. Wernher Von Braun was a huge part in the end to help with the moon landing in 1969.



A more modern part of war history can also be found in the main hall. In the corner there is a Land Rover used by Reuters in 2006 to report on the war in the Gaza strip. This Land Rover- despite having all the necessary press markings- was hit by an airstrike, although it was armoured it was not enough. The two occupants (Fadel Shana and Sabbah Hmaida) were badly injured. Fadel Shana later returned to war filming and was killed 2 years after when her car got hit by an Israeli tank shell.

The main reason we visited the Imperial War Museum was to learn more about the holocaust. In the IWM they have a fascinating and moving holocaust exhibition which we looked round. It goes in chronological order of when it happened and gave us a very good insight as to how Jews were treated and how bad the antisemitism was in Germany and eastern Europe. What I found



particularly interesting was the uniforms that were worn in the concentration camps. The prisoners had to wear blue and white striped clothes and wooden clogs. The blue and white striped clothes were worn so that all the prisoners could be seen as inferior by others. The wooden clogs were uncomfortable but were better than no shoes and they protected their feet from all the manual labour. They also had to wear caps and if they were caught without them on then the guards had permission to kill them. Some guards were very harsh and took their hats and threw

them, whilst the prisoner went to get it, they would shoot them. Another thing that I found very interesting in the holocaust exhibition was the area where belongings and papers of Jewish families were. This section showed me how hard it was for these families as they were separated through kinder transport and concentration camps. One of the items in there was a pair of ice skates that belonged to a young Jewish boy named Herbert. Herbert took the ice skates with him on the kinder transport but by the time winter came he had grown out of them. There were also letters from a girl who had been moved from Germany to Britain, she faced much prejudice in Germany even from her teacher. Her teacher had asked her to complete the assignment to draw a

snake and write above it "Jews feed on lies and are destroyed by truth", their parents said that they will not allow that to happen. There were many stories in this exhibition that were very interesting and made me realise how hard it was for Jews during Hitler and the Nazis rule.

My visit to the Imperial War Museum was very compelling and really opened my eyes to the brutality of the wartimes. I learnt a lot about history and was very enjoyable. This trip was very good, and I do recommend it to anyone wanting to go.

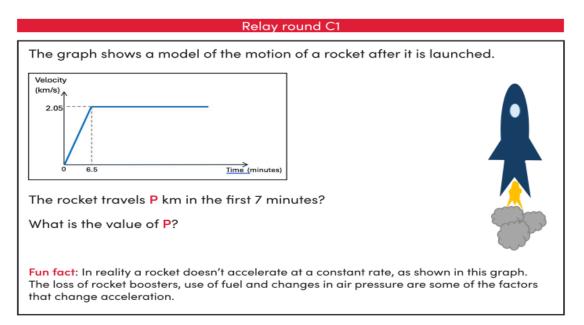




On Wednesday 26th February, the Advanced Mathematics Support Program (AMSP) held its Year 10 Kent Maths Feast at Ashford School. Eight students from the school took part in two teams of 4 against ten other schools from Kent. The competition comprised 4 rounds that tested a variety of Maths skills and how to apply them to solve a variety of problems outside of the normal curriculum:

Round 1 – Would I Lie to You? - True or False questions involving a variety of maths topics

- Round 2 Cubes and Ribbons Solving 3D problems in 2D
- Round 3 Broken Calculators Given limited buttons to solve numerical problems
- Round 4 Calculator Relay Solving a variety of maths problems in 2 separate teams



The boys displayed some outstanding maths skills during the competition and collaborated extremely well when solving the problems. Our teams managed to win, or jointly win, most of the four rounds, culminating in them coming first and fifth overall, a fantastic achievement!

Well done to all the boys involved and many thanks to Ashford School for hosting the event and for providing some excellent cake and biscuits..!

Team 1 – Ronnie B, Kinley B, Danny H, Jia Yu W

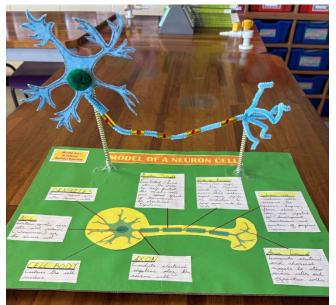
Team 2 – Ciaran B, Nathan H, Nico P, Isaac T.

Science News

Our Year 7 scientists were given the task of creating a cell at home this term and they have absolutely thrived with the project! I am so impressed with the students' work and the creativity that they have put into it. We had examples of plant cells, animal cells, nerve cells, blood cells and many more. I was truly amazed with the array of ideas on display-we even had cells 3D printed and baked as cakes!

The Science Department is very proud of you and your hard work over your first year here at The Harvey Grammar School. Keep up the good work and keep your eye on what is happening next in the Science Department!

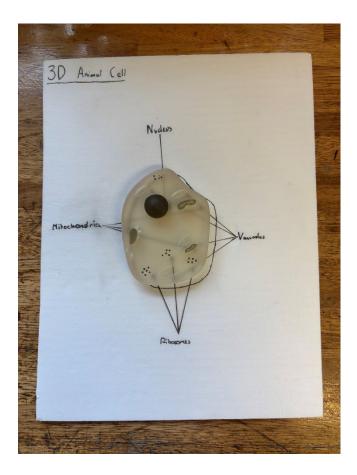
Mrs Sunderland Head of Year 7 Science

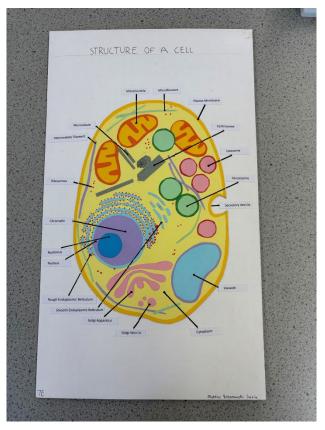


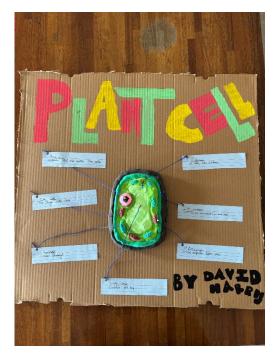












MFL News



Year 12 French

This term Year 12 French students held their first debate in French about the internet.

They completed their research in teams and Jay led the event. Well done Jay for keeping everyone in order.

Bon Travail!



Cinema Visit – Year 9

Year 9 French & Spanish Cinema Visit coming soon...



Boulogne sur Mer Visit 2025

We launched our visit to Boulogne sur Mer this term for our Year 8 French pupils. We are very excited to be going back to Boulogne in May to visit Nausicaá aquarium and the old town.

If you are participating in the visit and need to renew your passport please allow plenty of time due to the strike. You must have at least 3 months validity remaining on your passport in order to travel.











Exams & Revision

GCSE & A level Speaking Tests commence after the holidays.

Good luck to all our students!

Bonne chance! ¡Buena suerte!



French

Yr 11s						
Content	Website	Please note				
All topics & Grammar	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr	Make sure you select AQA as the exam board				
Key Vocabulary	https://www.memrise.com/	Practice a variety of courses set by your teacher				
Verb Conjugation	https://www.frenchverbpractice.com/	Make sure you select the specific tense(s) you want to practise				
All topics & Grammar (Notes & Quiz)	https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/a2 a73a1c-891a-40e3-9c38-1aafb04acfa8/section/1fbb2 3d3-c55a-4af0-92eb-30bc99d14474/session	You will need to create an account but then the French AQA GCSE Revision Course is free.				
Revision Website with past paper exercises	https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/french	Transcripts and answers/ mark schemes available a well.				
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Content	Website	Please note				
Key Vocabulary	https://www.memrise.com/	Practice a variety of courses set by your teacher				
Verb Conjugation	https://www.frenchverbpractice.com/	Make sure you select the specific tense(s) you want to practise				
All topics & Grammar (Notes & Quiz)	https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/a2 a73a1c-891a-40e3-9c38-1aafb04acfa8/section/1fbb2 3d3-c55a-4af0-92eb-30bc99d14474/session	You will need to create an account but then the French AQA ALevel Revision Course is free.				
Revision Website with past paper exercises	https://sites.google.com/view/alevel-french	Transcripts and mark schemes available as well.				

Spanish

GRAMMAR https://www.brainscape.com/subjects/a-level-spanish-grammar VOCABULARY https://getrevising.co.uk/resources/level/a_ib/subjects/spanish Year 12 Spanish - EL/MC | Quizlet Memrise - https://www.memrise.com/ GENERAL AND SPEAKING https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zhd78hv/revision/1





Stars of the Term

Well done to all the students who have been awarded with our Stars of the Term certificates and pin badges in recognition of your effort and achievement in languages.



The MFL Department would like to wish you all a very happy holiday.

Happy Easter





Mrs Wyllie, Miss Perez Moreno, Ms Díaz & Ms Fleutre

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HGS BASKETBALL TERM 4

With the Folkestone District League games complete it is a pleasure to report that all HGS Basketball teams are through to the semi final stages and due to play the Ashford Schools in term 5.



<u>YEAR 7</u>

Home Team		Away Team	
Harvey Grammar	49	Brockhill Park school	12
Harvey Grammar	18	Folkestone Academy	6
Harvey Grammar	24	Turner Free School	21

<u>YEAR 8</u>



Home Team		Away Team	
Harvey Grammar	56	Turner Free School	25
Harvey Grammar	44	Folkestone Academy	25

<u>YEAR 9</u>



Home Team		Away Team	
Harvey Grammar	65	Brockhill Park	22
Harvey Grammar	49	Turner Free School	50

<u>YEAR 10A</u>



<u>YEAR 10B</u>



Home Team		Away Team	
Harvey Grammar A	52	Harvey Grammar B	24
Harvey Grammar A	85	Folkestone Academy	25
Harvey Grammar B	26	Folkestone Academy	43

<u>YEAR 11</u>



Home Team		Away Team	
Harvey Grammar	65	Folkestone Academy	50
Harvey Grammar	82	Turner Free School	39
Harvey Grammar	30	Wye School	0

HANDBALL TERM 4

<u>YEAR 10</u>

The U15 team won through to the South East Handball Finals impressively beating all opposition at the Kent Competition convincingly. Freddie F outstanding in goal.



HGS RUGBY TERM 4

The developing year 7 squad finally got together for an away game v The Wye Free School. Some excellent running rugby was displayed with the majority of the team getting on the scoresheet for HGS and some for the Wye Team!



<u>YEAR 8</u>

A great start to the year from the developing year 8 squad. 4 wins out of 4 is a fantastic reflection of their real potential for the future.



<u>YEAR 10</u>

Year 10 continued their success after their Kent Cup run with a fine display of running 7s rugby at the Kent Championships. Playing NKGS, our nemesis, in the Trophy final, the boys battled supremely well but unfortunately lost on the golden try rule in extra time.





OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Ian O (8R) who came back from the Under 43kg Amateur Boxing Alliance Schools Championships in Swindon as overall winner!

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KS3 BADMINTON

1st	RESOLUTION
2nd	VICTORY
3rd	ENDEAVOUR
4th	DISCOVERY

HGS and the District Youth Forum

On Wednesday the 26th of February (the beginning week of term), Joseph H, Tanjok L, Daijon T, Dimi B, Kai T-A, Ahmad G and myself **Ethan W** all endeavoured with Mrs Shipley to the very first Folkestone and Hythe District Council Youth Forum. This meeting is one of two we will be attending, the second of which is in September of 2025. The forum itself is part of the district's new initiative to involve younger people in local issues that affect them, and understand more about the district's electoral and administrative processes.



Upon entering, we were all awe-struck by the room itself, a large circular hall with rows of seats designated for us.

We even had our own microphones, a real feat to behold! There were about 50 students there, all of whom came from schools ranging from the Marsh Academy, to the Beacon, to the Youth hub, up to larger schools such as Brockhill, Folkestone Academy, and ourselves of course, only a chunk of the students there. It made all of our group feel truly honoured to be chosen by the school.

During our time there, we discussed two main issues with district councillors. The first was regarding the environment, and everyone had opportunities to suggest new, innovative ideas on how to make Folkestone and Hythe District more eco-friendly. Many of our own group asked wonderful, insightful questions which really impressed not only other students there, but also councillors such as Chair Anita Jones, one of the more prominent local district members. The second issue, covered after a general questions Q&A (and a muchappreciated break for biscuits!) regarded local safety, in which once again our bright lads left a lasting positive impression with some more great ideas on how to make the area nicer for all.

Overall, I myself found the experience quite extraordinary and formative, giving me contemplation as to pursue a career in the sector, however I feel as though I speak for everybody there when I say that in spite of any potential lingering nerves, our harveian attitude shone through and gave everyone there a really good idea on just how capable we are of making Folkestone better to be a part of.

We all can't wait to be back again in September, so if anyone would like us to ask the councillors questions for next time, please submit everything to Mrs Shipley, and we'll be sure to ask. Thank you for reading about our fantastic experience!

- Ethan W, Year 11

Hockey at the Harvey

Well done to all pupils involved in hockey this year. It has been one of the best seasons the school have had in many years with teams from a variety of year groups being successful at Kent and South East levels.

1st XI Hockey

With the loss of 3/4 of the team having left for university in September this was a very new and developing Harvey 1st XI but the team showed their potential throughout the season. With Year 13's Lorcan D, and Alex T; Year 12's Isaac H and Jack T the team comprised mostly of Year 11 and 10's. But they showed their grit, determination but most of all raw talent to challenge against some of the best teams in the county.

At the Frank Mason tournament the team got through to the plate competition by convincingly beating Skinners School, drawing to a good Simon Langton team and narrowly losing to Kent College 1-0. Going into the afternoon session the boys knew they would be up against some tough opposition but won the quarter final 1-0 against Ashford School and then an even tougher 1-0 against Cranbrook. Unfortunately, they then came up against a very strong Kings School, Canterbury who won 2-0.

The team also performed very well in the Kent Schools Championships at Ashford School getting into the semi final but losing 2-0 to Ashford School who were definitely out for revenge getting knocked out in the Quarter final of the Frank Mason.

Well done to all players involved especially those younger members. The team will certainly go from strength to strength over the next few years if this year is to go by.

The final game of the year has always traditionally been against the Harvey Old Boys and after last years victory for the 1st XI Harvey team it was clear the Old Boys were looking for revenge. Both teams played some spell binding hockey and it was the youngsters who scored first with a slick drag flick from captain Lorcan D. Unfortunately, the Old Boys turned on the gas and, with many of the team playing men's hockey at the top levels, it was soon clear that the boys couldn't keep up the pressure. Will P, in goal, was outstanding keeping the team in the game, but continued pressure took its toll and in the end the game finished 6-2 to the old boys. Manager Nick H wrote 'The old boys team was very strong and won convincingly in the end but the School team is young and showed a huge amount of talent and promise. Tough games to come in the next few years!'

Lets hope for a better outcome next year. Well done to all the boys involved from Year 13 all the way down to Year 9.



Year 10 Hockey

Year 10 hockey had a very good year with games against tough opposition and produced some great results. The highlight had to be winning the plate competition in the Peter Firminger Kent tournament. The team played valiantly in the morning against Claremont, Kent College, Eltham and St Lawrence and narrowly came 3rd progressing into the plate. Rock solid performances through the middle of the park from Will P in goal, Freddie L, Alfie B and Harry R meant the team had freedom to express themselves. The Harvey team won on shuttles in the semi final against Langley Park with Will P saving the final penalty. The team edged the final 1-0 against Sir Joseph Williams in a nervy game which also included the Harvey team going down to 10 players for the final 5 minutes with a sin bin and losing Captain Alfie B through injury half way through. With backs against the wall the team pulled together and celebrated in style getting winners medals (see below).

Various members of the team have represented the 1st XI and there are exciting times ahead if the team continues to develop.



Year 9 Hockey

The Year 9 hockey team are a force to be reckoned with at 7 a side and are transitioning excellently into a very good 11 a side team. Players from both Folkestone Optimists and Canterbury Hockey Club, such as Will H, Archie B, Finn L, Oscar D, and Joseph A, make up the team with more then 4 of the team in the current Kent hockey set up. The team narrowly lost in both their tournaments in the semi-final, losing on penalty flicks in the Kent Championships and then 1-0 to Langton at the Kent State Schools Festival having cruised through the early rounds. The boys were understandably disappointed at not getting into either final and hopefully this will drive them on to success next year. Well done to all boys involved.

Year 8 Hockey

Year 8 had multiple fixtures and tournaments this year with mixed results throughout. The team are progressing well, with new players joining the team, and are competing against a range of Grammar and Private Schools throughout the county. With players like Oisin D, Danesh E-W and Oakley N progressing at club and county the team has a solid spine. Then other players like Thomas B, Isaac F and Isaac S making up the team it has the chance to develop nicely over the next few years. Last year the tournaments were a sore spot for the team but the boys definitely showed their improvement. In the U13 Kent Championships at Kent College they were victors against private schools St Edmunds and Cranbrook which meant they secured 3rd spot in their pool but came up against a very good Radnor house (Sevenoaks) team who knocked out our boys 2-0. At the end of the season they beat Kent College in their first game of the prestigious John Maylam Cup and went on to come 3rd in their group going into the plate competition in the afternoon. They narrowly came third again in the league games meaning they were the 9th best team at a tournament of 18 teams. A very respectable position.

We have to also mention the B-Team who battle every game and have played some great hockey winning against teams like Duke of York and Sir Roger Manwoods. Many of the team have played in the A-Team as well over the year so well done to all involved.

Year 7 Hockey

Every year the manager hopes the Folkestone Optimists will produce a wealth of players for the Harvey to mould into a HGS team for years to come and this year was no different. No fewer than 6 of the starting team are at the Optimists such as Herbert S, Robert F, Will S, Harry T and twins Ben and Xander G. The A and B teams have played well throughout the season bringing in several new players such as Dominic B, Luca C, Oscar C and Noah S as well as many more over the season. Victories in friendlies against Norton Knatchbull, Manwoods, Duke of Yorks, and Ashford to name a few have helped the team grow. Good luck for the future to all the boys involved.



HGS SPORTS KIT

A reminder that below is the PE & Sport kit for your lessons at The Harvey. All available online from Ambition Sport.

If for whatever reason you cannot bring in any of these items for your lessons, a note from your parent to explain the situation along with an alternative is required.

