The Harveian



Term 3. 2024-2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy term is ending, with the exam season now rapidly approaching and just eight weeks of teaching left after the half term break before GCSEs and A Levels begin.

Meanwhile, our Year 9 boys will soon be asked to make decisions about the GCSE exams they wish to study and Year 11 boys currently have their choices to make too for post 16 education.

Happily though, school life is about much more than exams and academic study, and this edition of The Harveian reflects that with lots of articles about the experiences of boys outside of the classroom. I hope you enjoy reading it and wish all a relaxing half term break after which we will look forward to welcoming all back on Monday 24th February for the start of Term 4.

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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 4: Monday 24th February 2025 - Friday 4th April 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

MARCH

- Tuesday 4th March 2025
- Monday 24th March 2025
- Friday 28th March 2025

APRIL

- Wednesday 2nd April 2025
- Friday 4th April 2025
- Tuesday 29th April 2025
- Wednesday 30th April 2025

Year 12 Parents' Evening Year 13 Reports Issued OHA Hockey

Year 10 Parents' Evening

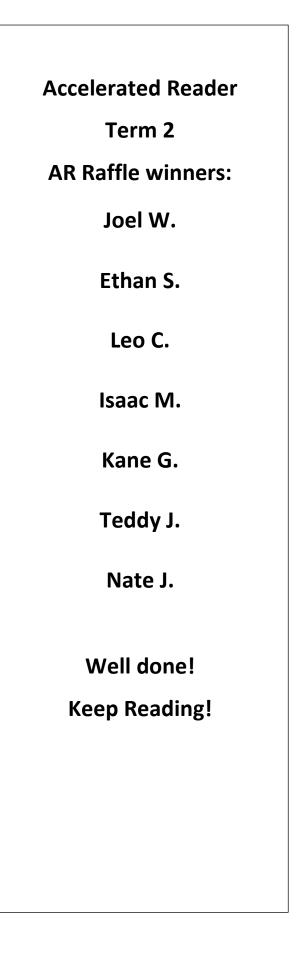
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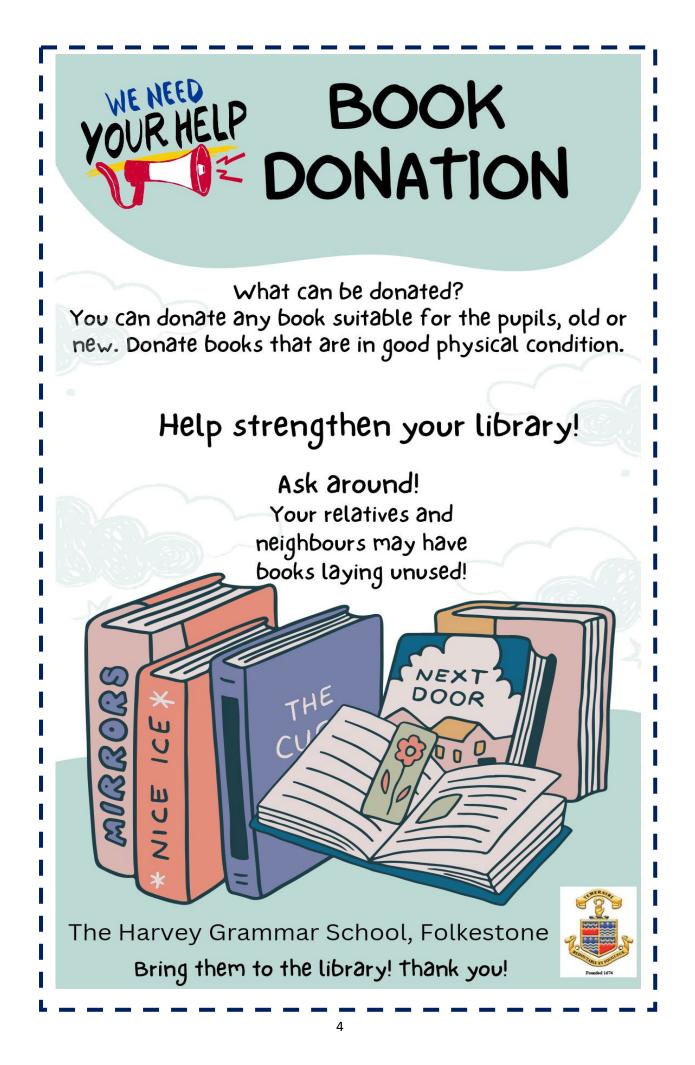
Year 7 Parents' Evening

School Musical (ending 2nd May)

Reading at The Harvey







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) £.	2.80



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

Library News

This term, the library is buzzing with excitement as it rolls out a series of initiatives to engage students and celebrate Valentine's Day in a unique way. From February 10th to 14th, the library is not only showcasing the latest book releases for students but also hosting a special "Blind Date with a Book" event.

New Books for Students

The library has recently added a diverse collection of new books aimed at sparking the interest of young readers. These new titles cover a wide range of genres and topics, ensuring that there is something for everyone. From captivating graphic novels to thrilling adventures and heart-warming stories, the library's new collection is designed to keep students engaged and foster a love for reading.

These new releases are part of the library's ongoing effort to provide students with fresh and exciting reading material that caters to their diverse interests and reading levels.





Blind Date with a Book Valentine's Day Event

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the library is hosting a "Blind Date with a Book" event. This enchanting program invites students to take a chance on a mystery book, which has been wrapped in plain paper with only a few intriguing hints about its content. The goal is to encourage readers to discover new genres and authors they might not have chosen otherwise.

The "Blind Date with a Book" event is a fun and engaging way to celebrate Valentine's Day, offering a literary twist on the traditional holiday.

Happy reading!

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.

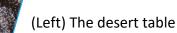
"Our aim is to serve more children, good, wholesome food. Everyone is included in our Diner and goes away happy."

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.

MFL News



Sixth Form Information Evening

Last week we welcomed students to the Sixth Form Open Evening. Peter & Alex, Yr12 were outstanding Ambassadors for Languages and spoke with such confidence about the French and Spanish A level courses.



It is a huge asset to be able to speak another language and this makes travelling wonderful as you can really connect with the place you are visiting. I also enjoy learning not just about Spain but about Latin America as well. At the moment, I am working on my Independent Research Project and this allows me to learn and present knowledge about any aspect of the Hispanic World that I like. This is an exciting opportunity because you are in control of what you specifically want to learn.



Year 9 Cinema Visit

Next term Year 9 French students will be studying leisure activities in class. We are planning our annual visit to the Silver Screen Cinema before Easter.

More details to follow in lessons...



Revision

With the examinations fast approaching we have put together some of the best revision sites to help you practise your French and Spanish.

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 as well.
	Yr 13s	
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



Year 12 British Film Institute - Southbank

On Thursday 6th February the Year 12 French class had the great opportunity to visit the British Film Institute Southbank, in London, for a full day of French-speaking and learning about the "nouvelles vagues" (new waves) of cinema in French-speaking society, as part of both the cinema topic, but also the film study within the French specification.

We started our day from our school at 6:45 am, where Mr Dawson (whom we are very thankful for) was able to give us a lift to the Dover Girls Grammar School, where we joined them on a minibus up to the BFI. At around 10 o'clock we made it to the O2 all-day parking, where we then got a tube, on the Jubilee Line, to the BFI, along with a small walk from the tube station.

Once we arrived, we had a presentation at 10:30, presented by Muriel Huet, a specialist in Frenchspeaking cinema. This presentation lasted until 12:30, where Muriel explained to us the common techniques, and major principles of the French cinema. After this we got the joy of watching 8 clips from a variety of French films, which were: Les 400 Coups; Entre les Murs; Jules et Jim; Amélie Poulain; À Bout de Souffle; La Haine; Cléo de 5 à 7 and Une Bande de Filles. From 12:30 – 1:30 we were able to enjoy lunch outside The National Theatre. 3 of us even got the joy to walk across waterloo bridge and back enjoying the beautiful views.

Then in the afternoon, we were able to enjoy watching a French film on the big screen, this being "Une bande de filles", which is known as "Girlhood" in English, directed by Celine Siamma, in 2014. It is a film which explores the idea of existing on the margins, as a black girl living in one of Paris' infamous banlieues ('suburbs'), or more specifically the 'quartiers dits sensibles' ('rough' neighbourhoods), and as a teenager drifting on the cusp of adulthood.

Then finally at about 3:25, we started our final trek home beginning with taking a picture outside the Southbank Skate Space (see photo) with DGGS. Then once we made it back safely to the minibus and started our long drive home at about 4 o'clock, the girls had decided it was the perfect time for karaoke, much to some people's disdain, but in the end it turned out to be a fun motivator in getting us back home at 6 o'clock.

We enjoyed and loved the day and thank everyone involved for organising our wonderful day out!

Follow us on X (Twitter) for regular updates! @HarveygsMFL



Antarctica Flag Update



Our Year 7 winning flags have made it all the way to Antarctica! It really has been on quite the journey. Our flags were taken to Antarctica by Ciara McDonald, an electronics engineer at Rothera Research Station who sent us the photos below.

The Rothera Research Station is a British base in Antarctica used for scientific research. Scientists there study the environment, wildlife, and climate to understand how the frozen continent is changing. They also look at the effects of climate change on Antarctica's ice, oceans, and

animals like penguins and seals. The station is

important because it helps us learn more about the Earth's future and how we can protect it.

Ciara was the first female 'wintering' electronic engineer at the British Antarctic Survey's Rothera Research Station in Antarctica. Ciara McDonald's 10-year academic journey has led her to the incredible, icy landscapes of the world's southernmost continent. Ciara's duties include on-station



equipment and communication system maintenance, as well as science support, but also deep field expedition works.



What on Earth! Schools' Challenge Quiz 2024



Congratulations to the Harvey's Senior Quiz Team who reached the Grand Final of the What on Earth! Schools' Challenge Quiz 2024. The Final was held at **Stationer's Hall** in London on Friday 29th November.

The National competition is run by the What on Earth! Magazine; a monthly non-fiction magazine for 7-14-year olds, published by **Encyclopaedia Britannica**, voted the Children's Magazine of the Year 2024.



The Team travelled from Folkestone West to Charing Cross, then walked along The Strand and Fleet Street to the impressive venue, close to St Paul's Cathedral.





The Harvey was one of only four teams to win a place at the Grand Final through their performance in the on-line heats against more than 300 other schools; a fantastic achievement in itself. Through a series of general knowledge and fastest-finger quiz rounds they won through to the Grand Final, losing out by just one point (!) to the eventual winners, Wakefield School for Girls.



I was extremely proud of the way in which our boys conducted themselves throughout the competition day. They were excellent company and very accomplished quizzers. The competition organiser kindly wrote to me after the event with the following message:



'...the team did incredibly well, and they should be proud of their performance.

I particularly noticed this photo in the album and wanted to highlight it and send it on to you. The boys demonstrated extremely good sportsmanship throughout the day, and I am really happy that this was captured on camera. They are a credit to themselves and the school'.

Congratulations to the Team; Dimi, Buster, Max, Justin and their Captain Albert. My thanks to Mr Bridgland for accompanying us on what was a memorable and highly enjoyable day. Let's hope The Harvey enjoys similar success in next year's competition!

Mr Goodfellow



Year 13 - Self-Defence for Young Men

As we look to make sure that our young people are ready to move on with Life Beyond the Harvey, our aim is not just academic. In the sixth form we try to support and develop a range of real world and life skills. As part of this, we had a specialist self-defence team coming in to school for four days, and every student in Year 13 was allocated a full day course, at the end of their mock exam period.

The National Institute of Health's statistics report that 18year-old men are the most likely group to be attacked while out and about at night. They report that this risk peaks at 18. Although self-defence has historically been aimed at women and girls, it is something we strongly feel should be addressed with young men.





Being 50% more likely to be attacked than their female counterparts, having the ability to diffuse a situation with body language, divert attention, stop a situation escalating, or to protect themselves should they need to, is vital.

The sessions which built confidence (and were genuinely fun), were really well received by the year 13s. Some of the comments they sent us afterwards are below ...

It was informative and enjoyable since the instructors were funny and had a very hands-on, practical approach to teaching us. (BR, Year 13)

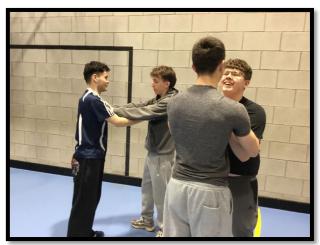
I'd just like to say that the people doing were fun and engaging. It's clear that they actually enjoy what they do. (RM, Year 13)



I learnt a handful of techniques to help me feel safer on a night out. Thank you for organising it miss! (TH, year 13)

I really enjoyed the opportunity to practice self-defence, and I really feel like I learned some new skills. Having never had any experiences with martial arts, I was really happy with the progress that I made, and I feel much safer and confident in my abilities in general. (CW, Year 13)





ARMY

A common perception of a career in the Army is that it is a lifestyle that lacks freedom of choice and is wrought with senior officers screaming, yelling and shouting while making life miserable. Then, there is the belief that the UK and, indeed, NATO are heading for war with Russia and joining the Army is nothing more than a suicide mission. Quite often these views are reinforced by war films, media and social media.

On the 20th January, 23 students from years 10 – 13 had the unique opportunity to speak first hand with three members of the British Army, Cpl Carlington-Reid, Royal Engineers, (RE) Cpl George Stag (RE), Royal Engineers and LCpl Jack Kane Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME).



The students spent two hours talking, quizzing and understanding exactly what life in the Army is like. Surprisingly, all three soldiers commented on the amount of fun they've had. As the afternoon progressed, there were common themes that you'd struggle to find in other walks of life. Each serviceman spoke of travelling the world, they had travelled the length and breadth of the UK and had spent time at various countries in Europe, including Poland, Italy, Germany, and France, amongst other countries. They all spoke of the unique bonds formed and friendships forged for life. They spoke of teamwork and comradery, and they would recommend Army life to any young man with a passion for sport, fitness and adventure.



As all three Servicemen were engineers they brought bucket loads of KNEX with them. Teams were tasked with creating the best vehicle possible, with the resources available. This vehicle had to contain a structure that attached to a pump which would power the vehicle. The vehicle that travelled the furthest won ... but everyone got a free pen non-the-less!



The main takeaway after speaking with the Servicemen was that the Military is perhaps not quite the stereotype that we thought, and that it can be an excellent career choice which offers a variety of trades and opportunities ranging from cooks, builders, electricians, motor, marine and aircraft technicians, explosive experts, radar operators, intelligence officer (spies), medics, Doctors, physiotherapists, truck drivers...the list seemed endless.

For those interested in understanding more, we included a link here Army Careers

Article written By Ben A in year 10 and edited, and added to, by year 13 students.







KENT LEAGUE BASKETBALL TERM 3

YEAR 8



Game 1: Harvey GS v Maidstone GS 33-42 LOSS

It was a close game; I think we didn't play with enough effort as we did in other games. We were very lousy on defense allowing their best shooter space to shoot 3's. We didn't play that well on offence either, most of the people where shooting shots that were likely to miss. On the other hand, I think the game did have its goods as well; we passed a lot and shot some good ones. Although we lack positives I still think it was a good game.

Game 2: Harvey GS v Northfleet

85-23 WIN

This was a very easy game the point difference is a lot, we played a great game with all the players scoring, we Specialized in court vision which led us to win by a lot.

Game 3: Harvey GS v Rainham Mark GS

38-36 WIN

It was a very difficult game in which we were losing by 2 with 20seconds left in the fourth quarter, with our triumph.

We managed to grasp victory with a 2-point win. Our passing and finishing weren't very good in the first half but as we entered the second half the team clicked, and we slowly came back into the game.

Game 4: Harvey GS v Canterbury Academy

41-38 WIN

Again, it was a very close one, things started rocky we were up by 10 points then by the end of the 2nd quarter it was a 2-point game. Then things sparked we worked our way back, back and forth scoring but we came out on top with our good passing and finishing.

We now meet Bullers Wood School in the Kent Schools quarter finals in term 4.

Report by George P

 YEAR 8 Group C Fixtures				
Home Team		Away Team		DATE
Harvey GS	33	Maidstone GS	42	Tuesday 5th November 4pm tip
Northfleet	23	Harvey GS	85	Thursday 14th November 4.30pm tip
Harvey GS		Rainham		Wednesday 8th January 3.40pm tip
Harvey GS		Canterbury		Tuesday 14th January 4.15pm tip

YEAR 9



The Year 9 Harvey basketball season has started out with fierce competition and remarkable growth. The season has showcased the dedication, skill, and teamwork that define the Year 9 team. So far, team members and coaching staff have worked hard to build on our losses, build momentum, and create a strong bond between the players. A big thanks to Robyan R and Kai TA for their dedication and support.

This report highlights the key milestones, individual performances, and overall progress that shaped the season so far. Whether through standout victories or tough defeats, the team always keeps high intensity. In the following sections, we will break down team statistics, spotlight notable contributors, and reflect on moments that make this team special.

Sammuk S and Tim U have emerged as the most improved players this season and have become significant members of the team, showing notable development. Meanwhile, Ryan T and Ewan McC have continued to maintain their high standards, using their size to their advantage and delivering consistent performances.

The team has built on two losses this season, to then break through against a tough opponent for the win. Our fixtures so far are as follows:

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Home Team		Away Team		DATE
North	22	Harvey GS	14	Thursday 5th December 4pm tip
Folkestone	48	Harvey GS	43	Wednesday 27th November 4pm tip
Harvey GS	47	Rainham	45	Monday 16th December 4pm tip

YEAR 9 Group C Fixtures

I hope we can begin to build a win streak and continue a strong season, where we will only improve as we progress. Thank you

Alex L

YEAR 10A



YEAR 10A Group C Fixtures

Home Team		Away Team		DATE
Harvey GS A	81	Canterbury	98	Tuesday 15th October 4pm tip
Harvey GS A	69	Maidstone GS	39	Thursday 7th November 4pm tip
Harvey GS A	49	Howard	27	Monday 18th November 3.30pm tip
Harvey GS A	42	Rainham	34	Wednesday 18th December 4pm tip
Harvey GS A	86	Harvey GS B	25	Thursday 12th December 4pm tip

So far, throughout this season within the Kent cup the Year 10 Team has had great success as we move to our goal of the finals.

We started our journey against Canterbury academy, which we unfortunately lost. The team put up a good fight, but we couldn't manage to overcome the depth of Canterbury's roster. We had to shed our rust from the long-lasting summer holidays before we saw some success.... Harvey GS A 81 – 98 Canterbury Academy

Our next game was against Maidstone Grammer, we came with a new motivation coming off our recent loss. This was clearly showed how much we wanted to endeavour into the tournament. Our offence was spectacular as players like Ciaran B and Kai T-A stepped up to score the ball and help our offence. Players such as Tyler M and Robyan R played an impeccable defensive game, which eventually lead to our win.

Harvey GS A 69 – 39 Maidstone GS

Our next game began against The Howard School, with fire in our hearts from the most recent match we came into this game ready and hopeful to take home a victory. We pushed hard and fought for what we wanted, and that was a win, players such as Jack S and Will P played an overall amazing game, helping us win.

Harvey GS A 49 – 27 Howard School

The next game we played a familiar foe ... The Harvey GS B team! The boys saw this as an opportunity to help develop the B team with some of their skills whilst we still secured the win.

Whilst trying to enjoy our game together, players such as Albie B and Vision R played a great game against their own classmates, which led us to the win.

Harvey GS A 86-25 Harvey GS B

Our final game so far in our Kent Campaign was against Rainham, this game started off slow, with Rainham taking an early lead. At the half, we were down 2 team morale was low and we were unsure what to do, nothing was clicking for us. However, an excellent performance by Ferrell F late in the 3rd brought us back into the game. A combined effort from everyone on the team won us the game.

Harvey GS A 42 – 34 Rainham

Overall, the boys have an excellent crusade through the Kent league so far. I hope we can translate this talent and teamwork into the upcoming quarter final against Langley Park and beyond!

Report by Ethan S

<u>YEAR 10B</u>





YEAR 10B Group C Fixtures				
Home Team		Away Team		DATE
Canterbury	95	Harvey GS B	30	Wednesday 9th October 4pm tip
Maidstone GS	51	Harvey GS B	25	Monday 25th November 4.15pm tip
Howard		Harvey GS B		
Harvey GS B		Rainham		Thursday 16th januray 4pm tip
Harvey GS A	86	Harvey GS B	25	Thursday 12th December 4pm tip

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YEAR 11



YEAR 11 Group C Fixtures

Home Team		Away Team		DATE
Homewood	43	Harvey GS	56	Thursday 3rd October 4pm tip
Maidstone GS	54	Harvey GS	62	Friday 15th November 4.15pm tip
Folkestone	50	Harvey GS	43	Thursday 28th November 4pm tip
North		Harvey GS		
Canterbury		Harvey GS		Wednesday 22nd January 4pm tip

Over the past 2 terms we have had some brilliant outcomes and some not so brilliant we have currently got a record of 2 wins and 1 loss on the year so far. Our yr 11 team is a very strong squad of talented players with a few of our players also competing in the yr 10 team as well. We have had a few standout players in our games this year with Charlie C recording over 13 points every game so far. Along with Ethan S Protecting our basket obtaining a high number of blocks in our games. In some of our games this year we have been blessed with the presence of T Limbu who we have seen major improvements in his overall game, especially his composure when bringing the ball up the court under pressure. Our team will need to improve on our athleticism and rebounding as we will come up against larger and more physical teams who will beat us on the second chance points.

Charlie C

YEAR 12/13



6TH FORM Group C Fixtures

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Home Team		Away Team		DATE
Harvey GS	61	Earlscliffe	60	Monday 21st October 4pm tip
North	73	Harvey GS	46	Monday 4th November 4pm tip
				Wednesday 13th November 4.15pm
Harvey GS	36	Canterbury	79	tip
Harvey GS	43	North	51	Thursday 21st November 4pm tip
Harvey GS	54	Earlscliffe	75	Wednesday 11th December 4pm tip
Canterbury		Harvey GS		Wednesday 15th January 4.15pm

We started off pretty strong winning our first game. This gave our team morale coming into our next game, however, it was not enough. The rest of the games were against strong opposition. Losing our games against North, Canterbury and Earlscliffe was very disappointing but some performances from the Harvey Grammar team were very encouraging. Despite an uphill battle he boys played with real spirit and showed true resilience.

It must be said that although we didn't play to expectation, we still played our best, and hopefully this steep learning curve for the Harvey Grammar basketball team, will allow us to continue to develop in the higher division in future years. As is the school motto we worked hard, played hard and were supportive of each other.

Report by Dan M

Rugby



The morning of our first cup fixture - 22nd October- we were scheduled to play Oakwood Park, away from home. With players constantly dropping out because of illness and appointments we did not have a team that morning. After the full day searching, we managed to encourage 2 extras to join our squad providing us with 16 players to play. With one sub in the backs, our forwards had a tough job ahead of them, especially after having no training. After being scored on first we had an even harder job on our hands, but because I was able to captain such a determined squad, we came together to win the game through strength and fight. As we got a bye through the first round and were victors in the Quarter finals, our squad got through to the semi-finals against Chatham and Clarendon GS. We were then kindly lent pitch 3 by Folkestone Rugby Club and after acquiring a referee, we had an aggressive game on our hands. Playing in extremely poor conditions like 30mph wind, heavy rain, and cold temperatures, it was an extreme battle. Unfortunately, we were not able to prevail during that game, after leading on the scoreboard throughout most of the duration. The opposing number ten scored a penalty to put them 3 points ahead and as it was in the dying moments of the game, we did not have enough time to claw back any points. It was a great journey for me and the lads involved; I am proud of all of them, hopefully we can get further in the 7s competition later in the year.

By Olly R



FOOTBALL

The football season culminates, for the most part, in Term 3 with the latter stages of County Cups & the League Finals for the Ashford & Shepway leagues.

Up first were the U12s, who faced Dover Grammar in the 'Last 16' of the KSFA Kengate Beasley competition. A strong start was made by the side, forcing Dover to defend their box for the majority of the first half. Chances came & went for Jacob D, Ted H & RJ S before Dover countered & scored with pretty much their first spell of pressure in the game. Undeterred, the team pushed on & finished the half strongly, forcing the visiting keeper in to various saves.

A change of shape at half time again put Dover under pressure, allowing Joey R & Dominic B a bit more opportunity to go forward from their full back position. The half took a very similar pattern to that of the first, with Harvey using the ball well & keeping the ball in a dangerous area. A couple of unlucky bounces in & around the box meant this possession didn't necessarily equate to chances. A long throw from Dover later & a second goal went against us.

Really chasing the game, an ultra-attacking system opened the game up & it fast resembled a basketball game of end to end stuff. The bar was hit by Harvey, the Dover keeper made more good saves & the ball just wouldn't go in. The game finished with us on the wrong side of the result. As disappointing as the result was, it was great preparation for the league final to follow.

The following week saw us have a third game against Norton Knatchbull, after the early season friendly & the league match in December. This time it was for silverware with the league title on the line.

This game mirrored the Dover cup game, with Harvey dominating throughout.

Luca W stepped in at the back seamlessly, nullifying their danger man up top alongside Austin S. Seb C marshalled well in midfield, winning the ball on countless occasions.

Much like the week before, we went behind against the run of play. This didn't stop our boys though who replied almost instantly with a great finish from Jacob D, having rounded the keeper.

Again the bar, post & keeper took a peppering from our attacking players, with chances falling to everyone. Half time came & went & the pressure didn't stop coming. For a period of time, Knatchbull couldn't get out of their half, with the keeper earning his Man of the Match award. Unfortunately, another break cost us, with a good finish from a rebound off of Josh B's save. The result & the league went to Norton Knatchbull.

The teacher from Norton Knatchbull, the referee as well as the watching parents all complimented our team on their performance & how it deserved the trophy at the end. The best performance of the season to finish off their first year as a team. (*Report by Mr Walton*).

The goal in the League Final saw Jacob D (17) pull clear of RJ S (16) in the top goal scorers chart, both within the Yr7 side as well as across the school as a whole.

Zach K (7) was the leading marksman for the Yr8s, whilst Tony M (U14 - 6), Freddie F (U15 - 8) & Tanjok L (U16 - 5) led their team's with their efforts.

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