

# The Harveian



## Term 5. 2024-2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This has been a very busy term for everyone, especially our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils who have been completing their external examinations.

We were also treated to a performance of Spamalot, my thanks and congratulations go to everyone involved with that brilliant production.

I hope you'll especially enjoy reading the contribution this term from Mike Bedford who we believe is our oldest living "old boy" of the school. His recollections of life at the Harvey during WW2 when it was relocated to Merthyr Tydfil, and back in Folkestone post war I found fascinating, and I hope you do too.

**Mr. S. Norman**  
Headteacher



**The Harvey Grammar School**  
Est. 1674



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

## Dates for the Diary

### Term Dates (2024–2025)

**Term 6:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

#### Training Days

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

### Events

#### JUNE

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| • <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>   | Internal Examinations start for Years 7-10 (ending 20 <sup>th</sup> June) |
| • <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025</b>  | Year 12 Work Experience (ending 27 <sup>th</sup> June)                    |
| • <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025</b>  | Sixth Form Induction (ending 27 <sup>th</sup> June)                       |
| • <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b> | Summer Showcase Concert   |

#### JULY

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| • <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>    | Open Evening  |
| • <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025</b>   | Year 6 Induction Day                                  |
| • <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>     | OHA Cricket   |
| • <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>     | Year 10 Work Experience (until 11 <sup>th</sup> July) |
| • <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>    | Sports Day  |
| • <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b> | Year 7, Year 8, Year 10 and Year 12 Reports Issued    |

#### AUGUST

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| • <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b> | A-Level Results Day |
| • <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b> | GCSE Results Day    |

## 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	5p
EASY GRIP PENCIL	25p
PENCIL SHARPENER	10p
RUBBER	10p
HIGHLIGHTER	30p
30cm RULER	20p
15cm RULER	10p
PROTRACTOR	10p
COMPASSES (NO PENCIL)	40p
EXERCISE BOOK (A4 purple)	50p
COURSEWORK FOLDER	15p
40g GLUE STICK	50p
CLEAR PENCILCASE (for exams)	85p
REVISION CARDS (25 cards)	50p
REVISION CARDS (PACK 100)	£2.10



### EXAM KIT for just £1.90

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 whose children suffer from allergies or have additional dietary needs.

### Breakfast available 8am to 8.50am

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

### Food made to Order

Order a salad, roll or sandwich made to order at break time, ready for collection at lunch.

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."***

Pip Whelan, Chef Manger

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

Amy, Darina, Jill and Kay



(Left) The desert table







(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.



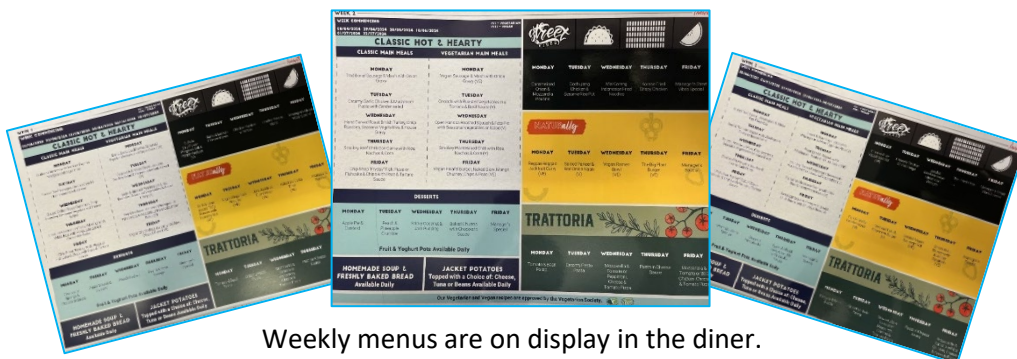
(Right) Christmas Lunch: Served over 2 days to accommodate the whole school.

British Pie Week: Both sweet and savoury options available.

Main Meal & Pudding: £2.50



(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.





# THE HARVEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL MUSICAL

Tickets available  
now on WisePay!  
Adults £7.50 Pupils £2.50



## MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT™ SCHOOL EDITION

Book and lyrics by  
Eric Idle

Music by  
John Du Prez & Eric Idle

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

Original Broadway Production produced by Boyett Ostar Productions, The Shubert Organization, Arielle Tepper Madover, Stephanie McClelland/Lawrence Horowitz, Elan V  
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GOD video presented by arrangement with Ambassador Theatre Group

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[www.theatricalrights.co.uk](http://www.theatricalrights.co.uk)

# Spamalot Review

Over the last few months, our extraordinary performing arts team have been hard at work rehearsing and producing 'Monty Python's *Spamalot*', which was performed on the 30th of April to the 2nd of May. *Spamalot* is a musical based on the popular film '*Holy Grail*', and is extremely funny and comedic, filled with jokes, songs and dance numbers. It is incredibly high energy throughout and was an absolute pleasure to be involved in; it was an incredible triumph! If you came and watched the performances, you will know exactly what I mean.

Everything about this show was extraordinarily well put together, from the incredibly designed set, our extremely talented Harvey musicians, the delightful technical team, the wonderful group of staff who helped with everything from designing costumes to choreography, our incredible front of house team, but most importantly to Mr Barker, Mr Hancox, Mrs Davis and Ms Just who all worked incredibly hard to make this musical as good as it possibly could be.

Being a lead role in the cast myself (Sir Dennis Galahad), I had first-hand experience of everything that went on, from the first day of rehearsals. Now at the beginning, the show was chaotic, I'll tell you that! But the hard work put in by the whole team transformed this musical into one of the best I've ever performed in (and I've been in tons!)

I am extremely proud of the sheer number of boys in our school who express themselves through acting and performing. It takes lots of courage to get up on stage and perform, and we are extremely lucky to have such huge casts of boys, willing to put on a silly costume and do a funny French accent. I simply cannot express how admirable I am to every single member of the performing arts team, and how proud I am of everyone for the performance produced.

Being an actor is not an easy job, and some people in our cast had zero acting experience, yet they all did an impeccable job of performing, making the audience laugh, smile and overall enjoy themselves splendidly. It is always a tough task to produce another brilliant musical, after the success of '*HMS Pinafore*' last year, but I believe our team outdid themselves with the effort put in and the quality of the show. Who knows what will happen next year!

I am ever grateful to the performing arts department, for offering me so many experiences and opportunities, and I congratulate every member of the cast for their performance in the show. Thank you to everyone who came to watch the show, your support helps to fund these experiences, and we couldn't have done it without you, the audience.

Sir Dennis  
Galahad  
(Isaac T –  
Year 10)









## 'Explore Your Future' Day

On May 7<sup>th</sup> a group of Year 12 pupils went to Canterbury Christ Church University for the day to have a taster of what university could be like.



Pupils could choose to attend two lectures from a wide selection including teaching, nursing, creative and professional writing, film and music production. A popular taster session was the criminal investigation lecture in which we had to search a crime scene (a car), find evidence and evaluate why it might be of value. We found a body in the boot (!), empty drinks cans, receipts, a mobile phone, propaganda flyers and clothing.







Pupils asked questions in a Q&A session about life at university, and were able to also join in with some sports impromptu sport in their outdoors facilities during the lunch break. Congratulations go to Riley and Ray who both won a shopping voucher during the course of the day for their interactions.



## **Memories of the Harvey, from 1939-1947**

(Notes from a virtual interview with Mike Bedford, USA, April 2025)

In 1939 Mike Bedford, who had just arrived in the UK with his parents from America, began his time as a fresh faced 11-year-old at the Harvey Grammar School.

No sooner had he settled, than the school was given a 2 week warning that they were being evacuated en-masse to Wales. With pupils carrying a single change of clothes and a toothbrush, the school walked to Folkestone Central Station and began their long train journey to Merthyr Tydfil. He remembers them looking a motley bunch, as school uniform had to be disbanded as it wasn't available in the war years, so they were wearing whatever they had available to take with them.

The evacuated students were kept largely separate from the local children and the Harvey were allocated a Welsh castle with enormous rooms in which to hold their classes. During his 4 year stay, Mike lived with two unmarried ladies who were wonderfully kind. He can only imagine what it must have been like to have not had a child living with you and then an 11-year-old lands on your doorstep.

Mike thinks back to how amazing it was that the Harvey teachers left their families to stay with the boys in Wales, and keep as much continuity for them as they could. He particularly remembers Mr Emerson the French teacher who had two teenage children himself, Mr Downing the Headmaster and Mr Latimer the Latin master. Some of the younger members of staff, such as 'Killer Howard' the gym master, had to join the armed forces and so not could join the evacuation. Other staff he remembers who travelled with them were Mr Watts – Physics, Mr Brooks – Chemistry, Mr Howl – Music (Mike remembers he was Welsh so the trip was somewhat like going home for him), Mr Howeth – English, Mr Baldwin – Woodwork, and Mr Firth - maths. Mr Firth had lost a leg in the first world war and Mike recalls how he struggled on the long welsh walks, that the boys were taken on, in order to build their sense of community.

As well as those blustery walks, the students and teachers put on plays, went to the Castle Theatre in town where there was a cinema, and hosted sing-a-longs.

Despite Mike's dad working in the Royal Army Medical Corps, the family were classed as 'outsiders' as they had only recently arrived from the USA and so were not allowed to stay in their Folkestone home, but instead had to move to London. Mike was allowed to visit his family three times a year - at Christmas, Easter and in the summer holidays.

After 4 years, when they were free to return, 'The Harvey in Wales' had shrunk to just 14 pupils. But the link with Merthyr Tydfil didn't stop there, in 1945 their cricket team travelled down to Folkestone for a return match. The Welsh boys and staff this time, were hosted by our families – a small way to replay the kindness shown to our boys over the war years. Mike isn't in the photo as he had been hit in the eye by a ball and was having first aid treatment!

The lad on the back row second from the right end, was Mike's Welsh buddy and he still phones his son to keep in contact with his Welsh family.



Harvey Grammar School v Cyfarthfa Castle School, Merthyr Tydfil.  
1945

When 'The Harvey' arrived back in Folkestone, the home Mike's family had bought on the outskirts of Hawkinge was surrounded by eight shells. At the Harvey the Library and the Headmaster's office had been shelled. Mike remembers being tasked with working in the library sifting through the precious books to see what could be salvaged and what could not. He said that the library was one of the first things that needed to be sorted out in the school, as without computers and phones, these books were their source of knowledge.

Mr Stubberfield, the school caretaker, was the last person they saw at the school when they left 4 years previous. On arriving back, Mike remembers walking in to a dark school gym and shouting "hello", only to get the reply "that sounds like that bloody yank Bedford!". He recalled being happy to see Mr Stubberfield again, and that despite the war, little had changed in his demeanour.

Once school was back up and running in Folkestone again, he remembers 'paper chasers'. These were cross country running events where an older student was sent out first with a satchel full of pieces of paper. He would run a trail, dropping paper as he went, and younger students would follow the route by tracking the trail of paper.

For drama, Mike recalls a stellar performance by Gerry Sinstadt as the lead role of 'Alphonso Rudolpho Malpractico Paravento' in one of the school's plays in 1945. It wasn't the below photo, however, this performance of 'None But The Brave' shows not only the impressive costumes but also a stage backdrop to be proud of. We hope that the people in this photo would be pleased to know that the Harvey drama performances are still going strong!





1945

*The Harvey Grammar School Dramatic Society*  
presents  
**NONE BUT THE BRAVE**

*Lambert Weston,  
Folkstone*

Aside from extra curricular activities, we asked Mike about discipline. He immediately re-called that Mr Latimer was an absolute ace at throwing a blackboard eraser at students who weren't paying attention. Teachers wore academic gowns in school and these had lead weights at the bottom to help them hang straight. Mike recalls it being particularly painful if a teacher flicked you with the edge of their robe if you were misbehaving!

Prefects largely saw to discipline in the school corridors and they would issue punishments such as 100 lines of 'I will not run down the corridor', or 'go and pick 50 weeds out of the school cricket pitch', to pupils caught breaching the rules.

One time a girl came in to the school to deliver a message from the local girl's school and he recalls that she seemed a strange creature walking through the school. The girls had challenged the boys to a basketball game, which Mike says the girls won wonderfully, as the Harvey hadn't learnt how to play it. Apparently, they were very proud of themselves and didn't let the boys forget about it!

After leaving school the family headed back to America and Mike found that his English qualifications were not recognised and so he never got to go to university. He did however go to a business college in New York for two years and continued to have a long career in business following that.

Mike looks back with many fond memories of the two Welsh ladies who took him into their care (he has since been back to the UK 14 times to visit them and their extended family), and of the teachers who gave up many years with their own families, to create the school family for those Harvey evacuees!

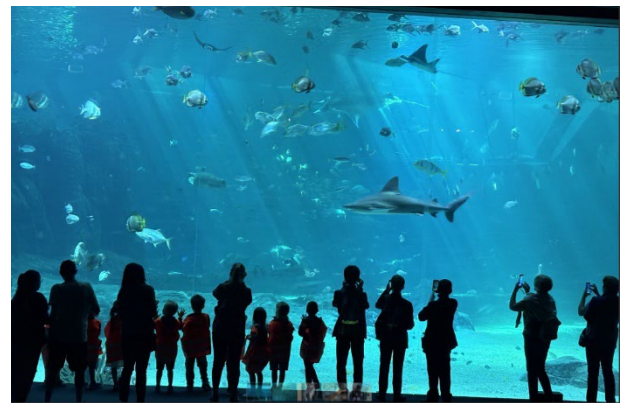


## Visit to Boulogne sur Mer

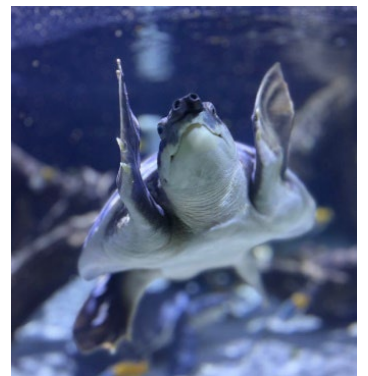
On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May we took 48 Year 8 pupils to Boulogne sur mer.

We had a wonderful day. We visited the Nausicaá Aquarium and the old town before shopping at Auchan Hypermarket.

Two of the boys have written a report for you to enjoy.













# Boulogne sur Mer

Our day was jammed packed with loads of entertainment:

- 7:15- we got to school and were put into our registration groups and did a register. The teachers on the trip were, Mrs Wyllie, Mr Hancox, Mr Lyng, Miss Shields and Mrs Tappenden.
- 7:20- we started to board the coach.
- 7:25- we drove away after a safety talk.
- 7:45- we arrived at the channel tunnel where we got off to show our passports to border control.
- 10:00 we arrived at Calais.
- 11:00 we went to Nausicaa sea centre as our first stop in France. We got to look at all the amazing sea life round Nausicaa until 13:30. We were allowed to go anywhere in the sea life centre to view these amazing sea lives.
- 13:30- we went to the stairs outside Nausicaa to take a group photo then went near the beach to eat our lunch.
- 13:45- we went to the coach and went on our way to our second stop, the old town.
- 14:00- we got to the old town with a bakery, sweet shop and a guy selling random stuff. The bakery was the second-best attraction as it was selling €1 baguettes and €1.20 pain au chocolat. The best attraction was the man selling random items - there were bracelets, chains and some very random stuff you would never expect. Finally, there was a sweat shop with all kinds of sweats.
- 14:55- we met back up to get back on the coach to go to the hypermarket.
- 15:15- we arrived at the hypermarket and we were allowed to go and buy anything we wanted as long as we were back at 15:55. There was a big supermarket and loads of little shops.
- 15:55- we met and went back on the coach to England.
- 16:15 we arrived at the channel tunnel where we had to go through passport control twice then we sat on the coach on our way back to England.
- 17:30- we arrived back in England and drove back to school.
- 17:45- we got back to school and went home.

That is our fun day in France.

FROM JACK T!

# French Trip to Boulogne sur Mer

We arrived at school at 7 o'clock and were registered in our groups. Shortly after we got on the coach and started to drive to the channel tunnel port. We got our passports checked and then boarded the train. When we started moving, we were allowed to get off the coach as it was extremely hot in there. We arrived at Calais at 10:30 French time and then drove to Boulogne.

It was a very short drive, but it felt long as I was so excited. We arrived at Nausicaa Sea Centre at 11 o'clock and we registered in our groups. After that we went around the aquarium and I took loads of photos! When we went to the touch pool, I touched a sting ray, which felt like brains and another fish that felt like sandpaper. After we left the aquarium, we had lunch outside as it was very hot. After lunch we got back on the coach and drove to the old town, and I bought a pain au chocolat and a giant bouncy ball. At 3 o'clock we went back to the coach and drove to the hypermarket, and I bought two packets of biscuits, lion cereal and a present for my dad. After we went to the coach and drove back to Calais. That day I got complimented on my French 3 times! I think it's because I have such an amazing teacher.

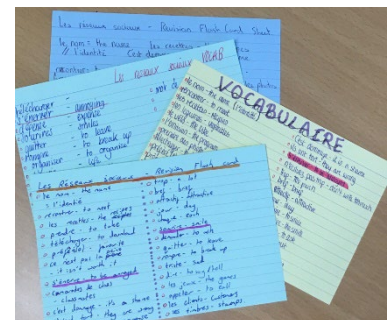
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## MFL Examinations

This term the MFL teachers have been busy conducting speaking assessments for GCSE and A Level pupils. We do understand that these are quite challenging assessments for pupils.

Well done to all – we are very proud of you!

Good luck with rest of your examinations.



## Merci! ¡Gracias!

As our Year 13 pupils prepare to embark on the next stage of their lives we would like to say a huge thanks to all of our MFL Language Ambassadors for their work with the younger pupils, Open Days, visits and support for the Department.

## Follow us on X







## **Harvey Ski Team Impress Again**

I am delighted to report that the Harvey Ski Team had a brilliant race this week, and have got their first team podium, winning the U16 Boys School category (which is even more amazing as the pupils should be in the U14 races). This was at the Skibound Indoor Open Schools Ski Champs at Hemel Hemstead Ski Centre.

The boys raced hard and were physically smaller than the majority of racers in their category. They were gritty and determined with Olivier M joint 4th in the U14's and Thomas S placed 5th and Jacob S 7th with barely anything between them time wise. They had no fault runs in both heats and as a result the Harvey won the under 16s overall. Both Olivier M and Thomas S got medals as they awarded the top 5 due to the high entry numbers. Bare in mind they are up against a lot of very well funded private schools, making this even more of an achievement!

Most teams were represented by 4 individuals making up the team and all 3 boys are looking to recruit an additional member. Please see the attached poster for information on joining the team.



# ENJOY SKIING?

## DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO RACE?

# WE WANT YOU!



Join Jacob

Thomas and  
Olivier

on  
the HGS ski  
race team



We train at Folkestone at the  
sports center but while it's  
closed we train in Chatham  
doing LSERSA training on  
Saturday mornings



PLEASE CONTACT US  
IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED IN BEING  
PART OF THE TEAM



## U12 Cricket

The Year 7s have made a great start to their Harvey cricketing careers, showing promise with bat & ball thus far this season.

We opened our season with an away win in the County Cup, at Bennett Memorial School in Tunbridge Wells. A 47\* from Luca W was enough to chase down the runs required for a 9 wicket victory. This followed a good spell from him with the ball, along with Charlie B. Friendly defeats to Norton Knatchbull & Simon Langton followed, despite some great performances from Herbert S & Sam S with the bat.

Next up was a cup defeat to Kent College, losing by 120 runs. A huge target was set from our opponents despite our best efforts with the ball, which was always going to be too many to chase down.

The last week of term started with a victory against Chatham House (by 84 runs), with not out knocks from Luca C (16), Jude R (11), Sam S (31) & Herbert S (31). Bowling figures were also tight with maidens galore & wickets shared between the squad.

So far 17 players have made their debut for the school team, with more to come as the season goes on. Sam S is the leading runs scorer (85) whilst Luca W has taken the most wickets (6).

We face the first round of the County Plate on Thursday of this week, so best of luck to the squad.



## Year 8 Cricket

The Year 8 squad of cricketers have had a busy term of fixtures. Following several after school net sessions the first game saw us lose narrowly away at Kent College. We failed to chase down their total of 124, following some tight bowling by Vinoj S 4/0/28/0 and Toby S 3/0/12/0.

A very competitive inter squad game, followed this, with Team Ashmore narrowly beating Team Castle in the final over. This was a great opportunity to give some of the fringe players a chance to play in a competitive game and was enjoyed by all involved.



Next up was Simon Langton away on a chilly Saturday morning. Batting first we set an imposing 147, with batsman Finnian N-J, Vinoj S and Toby S all retiring once they scored their 25. Sharing the bowling around, the game remained very close (partly due to some very questionable fielding by our boys). However, requiring 4 off the last ball to win, Finnian restricted them to a single and ended up victors, in a very enjoyable game.

This week saw us travel to Chatham and Clarendon GS for another friendly. Losing the toss and bowling first, a combination of very short boundaries, a lightening quick outfield and a lot of extras being delivered meant our hosts amassed huge 171-3 in their 20 overs. This proved no obstacle for our lads though as we chased down the score in 16 overs, with Olivier M and Toby S, both not out, leading us to a 10 wicket victory.

With a large and enthusiastic squad, we will be rotating players and setting up more inter squad games as the season goes on.



# 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/carer to explain the situation along with an alternative is required.



## HGS Sports Kit

**Rugby shirt**



**Football shirt**



**Polo shirt**



**Shorts**



**White socks**



**Black Football socks**



### Sanctions for kit faults:

- No kit – Lunchtime detention
- 2 kit faults (missing an item) – Lunchtime detention
- Persistent kit faults – Afterschool detention
- **Please bring a note if you know you won't have the correct kit!**