

The Harveian



Term 4. 2025-2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this Term 4 edition of The Harveian. This shorter than usual term has still been packed full of extra curricular activity to read about.

If you are a Gladiators fan, you'll enjoy the article on our famous old boy Matt Morsia. With the help of some willing Sixth Formers, Matt completely redesigned and renewed our fitness area for us at no cost to the school this term. We are hugely grateful to Matt for all his hard work in creating a facility that will bring long term benefits to all in the school community.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of Term 5 on Monday 20th April.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Norman'.



The Harvey Grammar School
Est. 1674



Mr. S. Norman
Headteacher

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 (2025–2026)

Term 5: Monday 20th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

Term 6: Monday 1st June 2026 – Thursday 16th July 2026

Training Days

- Friday 17th July 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026
- Tuesday 21st July 2026

Events

APRIL

- **Wednesday 1st April 2026** Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 2nd April 2026** Prizegiving at the Leas Cliff Hall

MAY

- **Tuesday 5th May 2026** **GCSE / A-Level Examinations**
(ending 19th 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	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 & Below) Diwali celebration foods.

Main Meal & Pudding: £2.60



Delicious Easter Treats for all to enjoy!

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.

An Honor at St Paul's Cathedral, London

On Saturday 14th March, I received an unexpected call from St. Paul's Cathedral in London saying they were expecting me to play their organ. I was initially very shocked, planning on spending all day relaxing and bed-rotting, but then thought I am not missing the opportunity to play their 5-manual organ (it is HUGE.) and experience their choir rehearsing, as well as completing a choral conducting masterclass.

I booked the next train and speed-walked to the train station, barely making it before the high speed was off to St. Pancras. I arrived at 1pm, and bought myself a croissant from M&S (£3.50 for a croissant.....) and set off the long walk to St. Paul's Cathedral. I arrived just before 2pm, and waited for 5 minutes for the liaison person to come out and meet me. After thinking about the opening lyric to "Feed the Birds", and being in disbelief that I was actually playing there, I met with the lady who escorted me into their rehearsal room, and I caught the end of the conducting masterclass. We then went to play on the organ, which initially overwhelmed me as it is so big and has so many stops, I didn't know where to begin. After playing around for a bit, I was amazed at how the organ sounded and how incredibly voiced it was (how the pipes are "voiced" to fill the space..... organ lingo). It was such a great experience playing such a historic instrument, and being able to say that I played at St. Paul's Cathedral!

We then went to observe the choral rehearsal - I was, surprise surprise, amazed at how insane the choir sounded. As someone who plays with a church choir every week, I didn't expect to be as blown away as I was by the sound they were producing singing a Bach chorale.

After a short (not short at all) walk, I ended up in Leicester Square, enjoying a nice Greggs meal before catching the train back to Folkestone and watching Netflix on the journey.



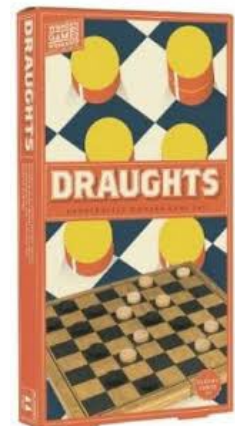
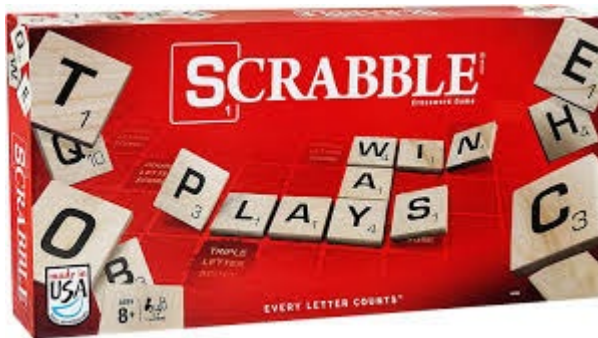
I am so grateful for the experience I was given, and for helpful lessons on improvisation and choral conducting.

Oakley H, Year 12





DO YOU HAVE ANY BOARD GAMES OR STRATEGY GAMES THAT ARE IN GOOD CONDITION & HAVE ALL THEIR PIECES, THAT YOU COULD DONATE TO THE SCHOOL?



IF SO, PLEASE SEND THEM IN TO THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE WHERE THEY WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

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HGS MATHS DEPARTMENT

KS4 MATHS EXAM SUPPORT

Got a problem?
We're here to help you solve it.

WEDNESDAYS - AFTER SCHOOL
3:30-4:30PM

Targeted topics and general support available.
Both Y11 & Y10 welcome to attend.



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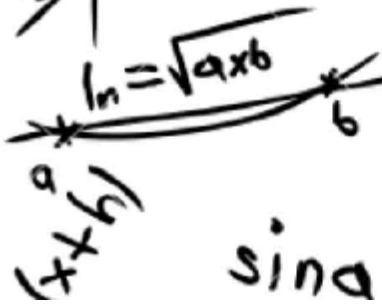
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KS3 MATHS CLUB

Every Thursday
3:25–4:25pm
W76



EXPLORE THE
FASCINATING
WORLD OF MATHS!

INVESTIGATE
PROBLEM SOLVE
DISCOVER

Need help with classwork or
homework? Come along too!

Manning's

Easter Exam Masterclass

£20 per session
Bundle Discount Available

For 50% off use
discount code
HarveyBoost

Schedule

Week 1

- **Mon 30th March:** Maths Core:
Securing the 70% Most Pupils Drop
- **Tues 31st March:** English Core:
Structuring for Consistent Marks

Week 2

- **Tues 7th April:** English Stretch:
Perceptive Analysis & Comparison
- **Fri 10th April:** Maths Stretch:
High-Value Problem Solving



An amazing opportunity for our Year 11 pupils. We have a wonderful 50% Discount from Mannings. If pupils enter 'HarveyBoost' they will be able to access the session for £10.

MFL News

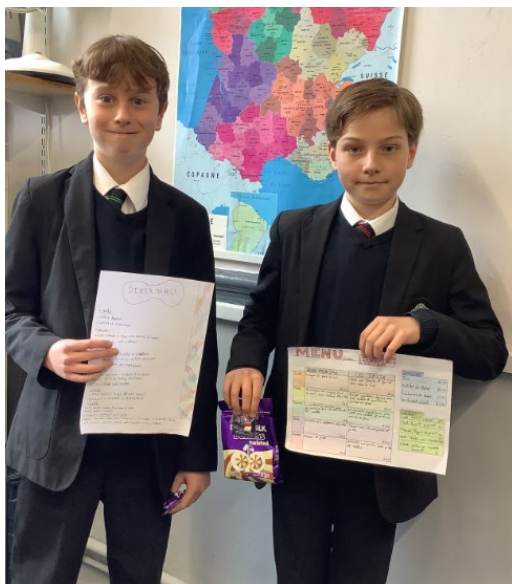


Yr8 French

This term Yr8 French pupils have been designing menus for the Diner to support their work on food & drink along with healthy living. We ran a competition for the best and most creative menus.

Well done to all the pupils for their work but especially the winners from 8EV1 & 8DMR1 - Robert, Henry, Alfie, Harry, Charlie & Ivo.

Bon Travail!



Yr13 Spanish Visit

Our KS5 pupils enjoyed a day at the British Film Institute alongside Folkestone School for Girls.

They spent the day exploring the legacy of dictatorship in contemporary Spanish cinema, with a focus on films examining the regimes of Franco and Pinochet. This linked closely to the historical and socio-political sub-themes studied at A level.

The day was conducted mostly in Spanish. In the morning, pupils attended an introductory screening of *The Silence of Others* (Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar, 2018). The afternoon consisted of a clip-based presentation exploring how the film represents political repression, as well as themes such as the 'disappeared', memory wars, and the ongoing struggle of victims seeking justice.

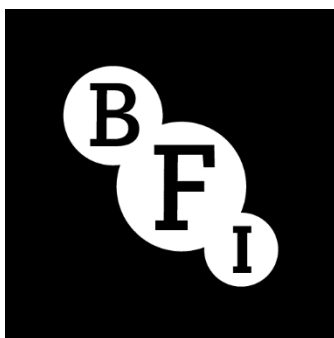
The experience provided A-level Spanish pupils with the opportunity to delve deeper into key historical and political issues, while also developing their understanding of film language, enhancing their analytical skills, and expanding their vocabulary.

By Seb R yr 12

"On March 10th, we — the Year 12 and 13 Spanish pupils — travelled to London alongside the Folkestone School for Girls for the BFI Southbank interactive learning day. The event, titled "**Trauma and Memory: Filming the Legacy of Dictatorships in Spain and Chile for KS5 Spanish,**" focused on the devastating dictatorships that shaped both countries' histories.

The morning began with a screening of **The Silence of Others**, followed by lunch and an engaging talk with two university professors. To end the day, we joined a Zoom Q&A with a La Comuna activist, allowing us to hear first-hand experiences on this topic.

Overall, it was an insightful and enjoyable trip that helped to improve our understanding of the Spanish-speaking world — and the effect that a dictator can have, even many years on. "



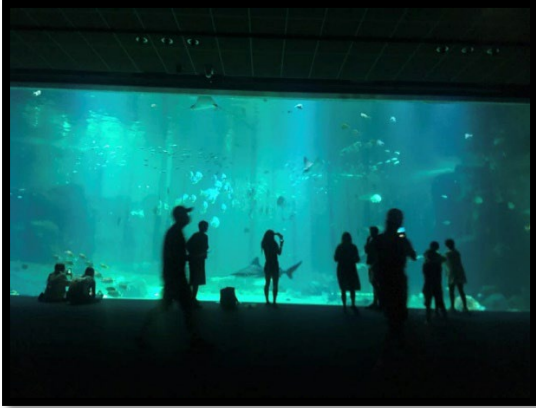
By Arthur D yr 12

The trip up to the BFI was great. We watched a very interesting movie about the ending of the Franco dictatorship and how some people are still fighting for justice even 50 years after its end. Afterwards, we had a lecture-style workshop with two professors from across the UK. This was then followed by a meeting with a member of an activist group where we were able to ask questions. The day in London was quite an eye-opening and exciting experience!

Boulogne sur Mer Visit 2026

We launched our visit to Boulogne sur Mer this term for our Yr8 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 pupils!

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/a2a73a1c-891a-40e3-9c38-1aafb04acfa8/section/1fbb23d3-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/a2a73a1c-891a-40e3-9c38-1aafb04acfa8/section/1fbb23d3-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 pupils who have been awarded with our Stars of the Term certificates and pin badges in recognition of your effort and achievement in languages.



R.E. – TERM 4



In RE this term, our Year 8 pupils have enjoyed a talk from one of their peers from Year 11 who is a practising Muslim. Sabir I. visited Year 8 lessons to speak about his experience of being a young British-Bengali Muslim and how he practices his Islamic faith in a traditionally non-Muslim country. These talks were on the back of the topic our Year 8 pupils have been studying on Islam and what life it like for Muslims living in Britain today.

Sabir gave each class a very insightful, detailed and mature overview of how he practices his faith, showing them the prayer movements he completes five times per day, as well as the taking questions from the class.

Sabir said of the experience, "Over the course of the week, I was able to share my knowledge of the religion of Islam to the pupils who had previously finished their unit on Islam. This involved speaking about the differences in life as a Muslim in the UK and Bangladesh, the 5 Pillars of Islam, the 5 daily prayers and the prayer movements. The Year 8s also had the opportunity to ask any questions that they may want to ask, whether it was a personal view of something or something general in Islam. Although I was fasting for Ramadan during this week, I still wanted to share my knowledge with them as sharing my knowledge with other people (especially Non-Muslims) is something I am interest in. They were all keen to learn something new about the religion, had great questions and hopefully all left with a greater understanding of the religion."

Pupils who got to experience the talks commented about how great it was for them to be able to ask someone similar in age and from their own school community their questions.

A big thank you to Sabir from the Harvey's R.E. department for giving these talks, especially whilst he was fasting during Ramadan. And a big thank you to the Year 8 classes that took part for the maturity, respect and thoughtful questions offered during them too.



Bedrock Learning

Bedrock celebrations!

Congratulations to all the boys who have continued to complete their Bedrock lessons every week.

Well done to 8DM2, who are the top performing class for this half term. The average points per student in this class was 96. The average points per student for the whole school was 52.

Congratulations to Charlie S in 7D who scored 217 points - the most points in the school!

Well done to 9DEM3 who have made the most progress this month, with 59% improvement.

Finally, George O'S in 8DJ1 has made the most progress in the school - a huge well done to George!

This month's most commonly learnt words are assimilate, prejudice, avid, contend, ubiquitous, conversely, staple, subordinate, adhere and enthrall.

Bedrock gives every pupil the vocabulary they need to access the curriculum and excel academically.

Throughout key stage 3, homework for English is always two lessons of Bedrock per week.

A huge thanks to all parents for supporting the boys in completing their Bedrock lessons every week.



TERM 4– RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education)

This year, our KS3 RSHE programme had been refreshed with a dynamic and engaging new approach. We are excited to introduce a range of new topics and lessons that reflect the evolving needs of our pupils at the Harvey. Our aim to ensure RSHE is recognised as a vital part of the curriculum-supporting pupils' personal development, emotional wellbeing and safety both in and beyond the classroom.

Why does RSHE Matter?

Prepare our students
for adult life

Support the
development of
physically, emotionally
and socially healthy
young people

Support the
development of
essential employability
skills

Equip our students
with the tools to keep
themselves safe

Reduce or remove barriers
to learning such as bullying,
low self-esteem,
unhealthy/risky behaviours



Year 7 RSHE

This term, our Year 7 pupils have been exploring the theme **“Health and Puberty”** as part of the SRE curriculum. The programme has been carefully designed to support pupils’ personal development and overall wellbeing throughout the year. Pupils have been learning about the physical and emotional changes that may begin to take place during puberty, helping them to recognise signs of growing maturity and understand that these changes are a normal part of development. They have also been exploring how puberty can influence feelings and emotions, and developing strategies for managing these in healthy and positive ways.

As part of this unit, pupils have been learning about how to look after their **skin, teeth and hair**, promoting good personal hygiene and healthy habits. Throughout the sessions, pupils are also signposted to sources of support, ensuring they know where to go if they ever have questions or need guidance.

Pupils have explored the following areas of study:

Y7 RSHE Term Four Learning Journey: (Health and Puberty)



Year 8 RSHE

This term, Year 8 pupils have been exploring the theme of **Mental Health and Wellbeing** as part of their RSHE curriculum. The programme aims to help pupils better understand their own feelings and recognise how emotions can influence behaviour. Through a series of reflective activities and discussions, pupils are encouraged to develop greater empathy by considering the experiences and perspectives of others. They will also investigate a range of healthy coping strategies to support emotional regulation and build resilience. As part of the unit, pupils will be introduced to a variety of organisations and services that offer guidance and support for managing anxieties and other emotional challenges. The goal is to ensure that all pupils feel equipped with practical tools and know where to seek help when needed.

Pupils have explored the following areas of study:

Y8 RSHE Term Four Learning Journey: Mental Health and Wellbeing

1. Understanding my feelings



This session aims to explore how feelings change. This lesson focus's on identifying why someone has feelings and what influences them. The focus is very much on promoting awareness of what can effect feelings and how they can inform our decision making.

This session focus's on what influences a persons feelings. The focus is on understanding the effects feelings can have on the body, especially associated with body sensations. The lesson has helpful tips on how to respond to ones feelings and emotions.

3. How talking supports mental health



This session aims to explore how talking can support mental health by identifying what mental health is and then normalising conversations around mental health. The focus is very much on outlining to students not to bottle up issues pertaining to their mental health as well as providing coping mechanisms and strategies.

This session aims to explore how one can understand how feelings can change as well understanding our triggers. The focus is very much on helping students understand how triggers work and then offering coping mechanisms to help students self regulate.

5. Mental health first aid



This session aims to provide you with an opportunity to review the learning this term. You will be assessed on content you have studied this term.

HOMEWORK: To revise for your end of unit assessment

2. Reacting to Emotions



4. Working with my feelings



This session focus's on mental health first aid and helping students understand the range of support available to them if and when they are suffering with their mental health. It deals with a range of in school support mechanisms such as Early Help and when to use the school counsellor as well as introducing students to a range of external services geared to support their mental health.

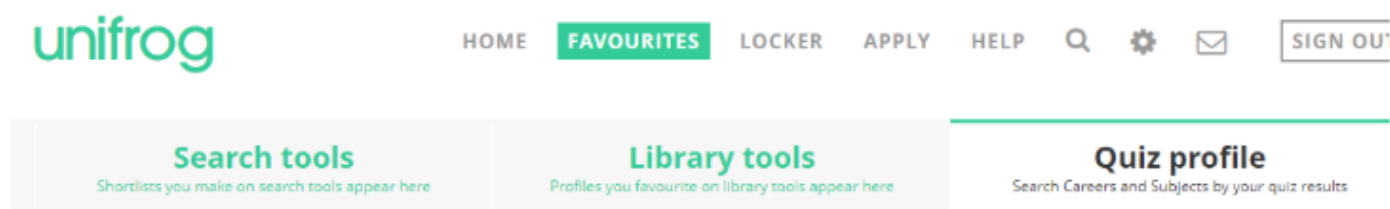
6. Assessment



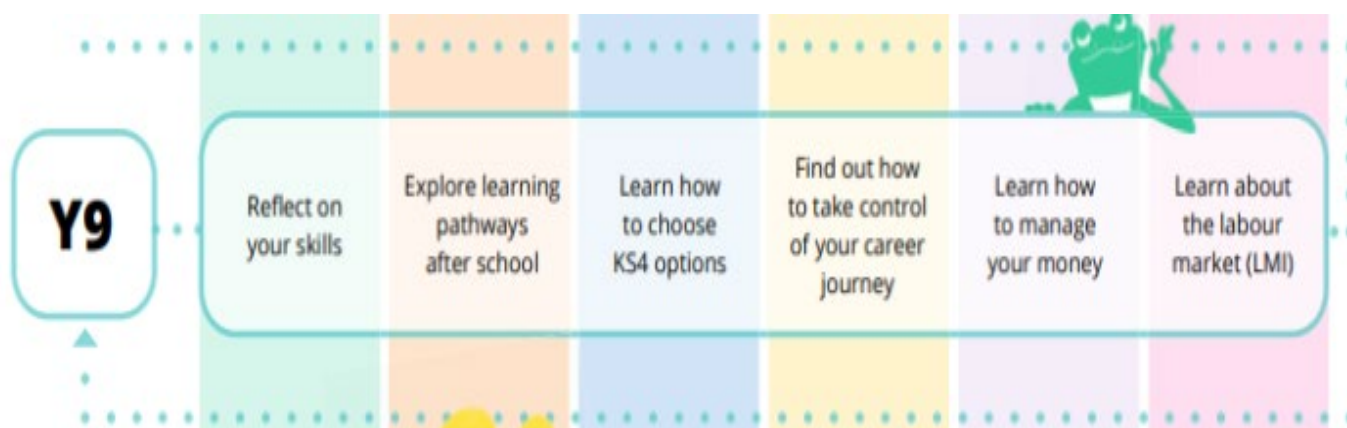
Year 9 RSHE

This term, our Year 9 pupils have been exploring the important theme of “**Careers and Employment**” as they begin to think about their futures. A key part of this work has involved using **Unifrog**, an online platform designed to help students aged 4 to 18 discover different pathways in education and the world of work. Unifrog brings together a range of tools to support pupils as they navigate their next steps. It allows them to explore career pathways, research employment opportunities, and record their achievements both inside and outside school. The platform also offers guidance for future applications, including support with UCAS, university choices, and apprenticeships.

Students can access the Interest Profile, Personality Profile, Work Environments Profile and Skills Profile quizzes. The results of the quizzes are combined to produce a list of the career sectors and careers most suited to them based on their overall quiz results:



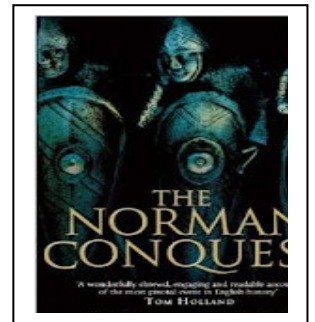
Throughout this unit, Year 9 pupils have been using Unifrog to investigate career routes linked to their **GCSE option choices**, helping them make informed decisions as they progress further in their educational journey





Famous historian Marc Morris delivers masterclass to Year 11 pupils.

Year 11 historians at The Harvey were given a rare opportunity this term when renowned medieval historian Dr Marc Morris visited the school to deliver a masterclass on the Norman invasion of 1066. Dr Morris, a leading specialist in medieval England whose doctorate focuses on the thirteenth-century Earls of Norfolk, played a key role in enriching pupils' understanding of the period. As part of their GCSE course, Year 11 pupils study Norman England c.1066–c.1100, including a detailed environment study on William of Normandy's landing at Pevensey in September 1066.



Marc Morris first visited the school in December, offering pupils essential background knowledge on the turbulent events leading up to 1066. His engaging talk explored the succession crisis, the rival claims to the English throne, and the subsequent transformation of the English landscape under Norman rule. Pupils praised the session for bringing the chaos, uncertainty, and drama of the era vividly to life. During his second visit, Marc focused on the strategic significance of William's landing site at Pevensey. His talk encouraged pupils to consider why this location proved so advantageous and how it shaped the early success of the Norman Conquest.

The session supported pupils in preparing for their case study, deepening their understanding of how William gained the upper hand against King Harold.

The History Department and all Year 11 historians would like to express their sincere thanks to Dr Marc Morris for visiting The Harvey on two occasions, sharing his expertise, and helping to bring one of the most pivotal moments in English history to life for our pupils.

Mrs Collingwood

Below are some quotes from the Year 11 pupils who experienced his talk on Pevensey...

Daniel, one of the lucky few to be bestowed with Marc Morris' expertise regarding the Normans, said *"I felt that the talk was very informative and in line with what we have learnt in previous lessons, I found his critiques of the AQA textbook interesting as ,of course, there is no definitive retelling of history to its full accuracy, there will always be questions that can be raised about whether events actually happened as we are told, overall, I found his talk helpful for revision purposes and would definitely recommend his talks for future years"*.

Another student said that the talk was *"eye-opening to the nuances regarding the invasion of England in 1066. Marc Morris' talk was very detailed, and highlighted the intricacies of the preparation, and William the Conqueror's brilliance in responding to the setback caused by a storm he faced while crossing the channel. His speech showed new perspectives of the Conquest, and his unparalleled understanding of the topic broadened my own understanding of the conquest, while supplementing the lessons taught by the Harvey's own brilliant History teachers."*

"The overarching rhetoric across the Year 11 groups was overwhelmingly positive, and all benefited from his unmatched knowledge about the Normans, and paired with his previous talk in December, the Year 11s are fully prepared for their upcoming exam on the Normans".

A huge thank you to Marc Morris for delivering his magnificent speech.



Matt Morsia and the Diary of a Gym Transformation!

Matt Morsia is an athlete who won a medal at the European Championships, a Youtuber, bodybuilder, fitness coach, TV personality, but most importantly, an **ex-Harvey pupil!**



You may have seen him on *Gladiators* as his alter-ego 'Legend' ...



... or recently on Richard Osman's *House of Games* ...



... on *Celebrity Apprentice* this Christmas ...

... and last week he was back in school!

During the week commencing 16th March, our school gym underwent the 'fitness version' of 'Changing Rooms'. With the help of a team of Sixth Formers, Matt and Sarah Morsia completely renovated our school gym and we kept a diary, so you can see what we got up to ...

Tuesday

Tuesday's tasks were to clear out the current equipment and get the room cleaned and prepped.



Wednesday



Wednesday morning started with the hard work of shifting 2 tonnes of matting from the lorry up to the school landing



The afternoon continued with painting. The pupils were given a painting masterclass by the builder and then let loose!

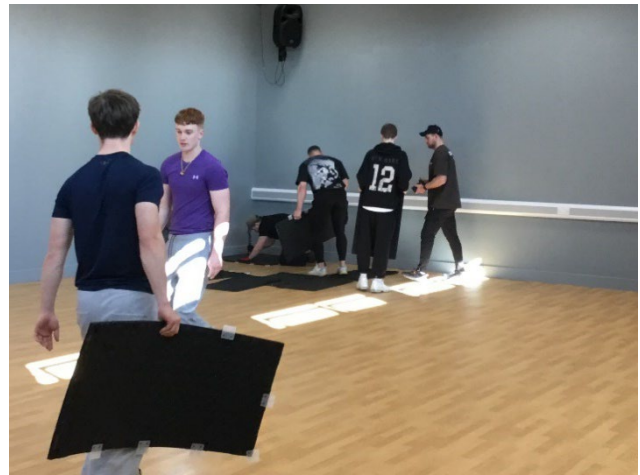


Thursday

Before school on Thursday morning, all the gym equipment arrived. There was great excitement in the playground when the lorry's curtain was drawn back...



Before any of this could be unloaded though, the flooring needed to be laid. The pupils formed a supply chain, clipping the mats and taking them to Matt and his team, who were laying them.



Once the flooring was laid, the lorry could be unloaded, using a lot of muscle power ... and a little bit of help from the school lift ...

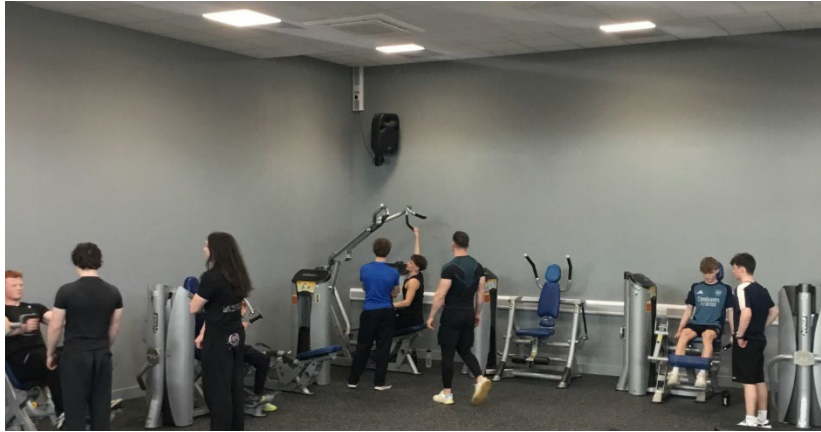


... and some elbow grease ...



Friday

By Friday morning the pupils could stand back and admire their work.



To round off the week Matt held a training challenge session on Friday afternoon for some of the pupils who had helped over the four days.





“The process of taking the gym machines apart to move them, and then putting them back together, so I could see the inner workings, was really interesting”

WO year 13

“My highlight was on the last day, finishing the equipment so that it was ready to use for the challenge later in the day. I don't think I realised how much work goes into re-vamping a gym even at this size”

EFW year 12

“I'm really happy to have taken part in something that will have a lasting impact for the school.”

LS year 12

“The highlight for me was seeing how the gym slowly came together through a collective effort. Additionally, working with Matt and his team gave a real insight into the behind the scenes of content creation.”

BA year 12

“The whole renovation project was fun. From carrying the gym machines upstairs, learning to paint, to talking to Matt about his training, time at the school, and the future opportunities he has lined up ... we all learnt things that will come in handy in our future lives. “

IG year 12

“I really enjoyed this opportunity to help Matt Morsia with the new school gym as it will really improve my fitness. Matt is a very nice guy and I appreciate him coming back here and improving our school fitness experience”

SN year 12



BASKETBALL TERM 4 KENT LEAGUE

The Kent League Competition games have finished this term and for the first time in HGS history all age groups reached the quarter final stages! The Year 11 coaches have been outstanding. They have proved to be reliable and committed again this year to coaching their squads and managing their teams in the Kent League fixtures. A big thanks to all.

YEAR 8

Under the guidance and Leadership of Coaches Ethan S and Tyler M the boys faced Bullers Wood School Bromley in the quarter finals narrowly losing 45-38.

YEAR 8 Fixtures					
Home Team		Away Team		DATE	
Rainham Mark	62	Harvey GS	26	Monday 24th November AWAY	LOST
Harvey GS	20	Canterbury	0		WON
Harvey GS	41	Norton Knatchbull	28	Thursday 8th January HOME	WON
Harvey GS	0	Maidstone GS	20	Tuesday 27th January AWAY	LOST
QF Bullers Wood	45	Harvey GS	38	Friday 27th February HOME 4.00pm tip	LOST



YEAR 9

Under the guidance and Leadership of Coaches Albie B and Ciaran B the boys faced Ravens Wood School in the quarter finals losing 69-68 the narrowest of margins

YEAR 9 Fixtures					
Home Team		Away Team		DATE	
Harvey GS	43	Turner School	38	Wednesday 19th November HOME	WON
Homewood	8	Harvey Grammar	50	Wednesday 10th December AWAY	WON
Harvey Grammar	20	Canterbury	0		WON
Maidstone GS	55	Harvey GS	40	Tuesday 13th January AWAY	LOST
QF Harvey GS	68	Ravens Wood	69	Wednesday 4th March HOME 1.45pm tip	LOST



YEAR 10

Under the guidance and Leadership of Coaches Robi R and Kai T A the boys were conceded a walk over in the quarter final against Hayes School Bromley. Once again facing Bullers Wood in the semi-final the boys narrowly lost 53-41.

YEAR 10 Fixtures					
Home Team		Away Team		DATE	
Northfleet	44	Harvey GS	73	Monday 6th October AWAY	WON
Rainham Mark	31	Harvey GS	43	Monday 1st December AWAY	WON
Harvey GS	34	Beths	66	Thursday 11th December HOME	LOST
Harvey GS	44	Norton Knatchbull	47	Wednesday 21st January AWAY	LOST
North	44	Harvey GS	19	Thursday 29th January AWAY	LOST
Maidstone Grammar	20	Harvey GS	0	Tuesday 27th January AWAY	LOST
QF Hayes	0	Harvey GS	20		WON
SF Bullers Wood	53	Harvey GS	41	Tuesday 17th March AWAY 3.30pm tip	LOST



YEAR 11

Under the guidance and Leadership of Coach Stuart Hunt the boys faced Bullers Wood School Bromley in the quarter finals losing 80-70.

YEAR 11 Fixtures					
Maidstone GS	50	The Harvey Grammar	49	Wednesday 12th November AWAY	LOST
Harvey GS	39	Turner Schools	46	Monday 8th December AWAY	LOST
Harvey GS	20	Canterbury	0		WON
Homewood	24	Harvey GS	81	Monday 26th January AWAY	WON
Towers School	39	Harvey GS	47	Monday 12th January AWAY	WON
QF Bullers Wood	80	Harvey GS	70	Tuesday 10th February AWAY 3.45pm	LOST

DYNAMIC NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

The Year 11 squad as well as playing in the Kent League have been playing in the Dynamik National Schools Competition 2025/26.

YEAR 11 GROUP 17 National Cup Fixtures					
Home Team		Away Team		DATE	
The Harvey Grammar	44	The John Fisher Sch	39	MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER	WON
Bullers Wood Sch	59	The Harvey Grammar	48	WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER	LOST
The Harvey Grammar	59	Maidstone Grammar	50	WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER	WON
Sevenoaks Sch	71	The Harvey Grammar	78	MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	WON
Woodcote High Sch	39	The Harvey Grammar	68	THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER	WON
NATIONAL		ROUND 1			
The Harvey Grammar	80	Holy Trinity School	66	MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY	WON
		ROUND 2			
The Harvey Grammar	69	Cherwell School	96	Monday 23rd February HOME 3.45pm tip	LOST

Beating Holy Trinity comfortably the boys moved through to round 2, the last 32 schools in the country, to play Cherwell School Oxfordshire. A much better opposition, but the HGS boys played well, eventually losing 96-69.

A big thanks to the whole squad. Their initial success in Year 7 in the JR NBA competition was a CATALYST for the rise of Basketball from a MINOR to a MAJOR SPORT at The Harvey Grammar School.



Finally, a big thanks to Folkestone Saints Basketball Club for their support in this venture. A particular HUGE THANKS to coach Hunt from Saints and Richards Elite Coaching, who has patiently guided our Year 11 through their steep learning curve, developing their individual styles and strengths as coaches.



BASKETBALL TERM 4 DISTRICT LEAGUE

The District League has started in earnest and teams from Years 7 – 11 are involved in the LOCAL Leagues which culminate with Ashford and Folkestone Finals in term 5. Results of finals will be reported in term 5 edition.

YEAR 7 BASKETBALL

A special mention to the Year 7 squad who have been training with their Year 11 Coach, Will P throughout the term, in preparation for the League.

YEAR 7 Fixtures					
Home Team		Away Team		DATE	
Harvey GS	16	Folkestone Academy	15	Wednesday 11th February HOME	WON
Harvey GS	12	Brockhill Park School	11	Thursday 26th February HOME	WON
Harvey GS	17	Turner School	19	Wednesday 4th March AWAY	LOST

Squad pictured below.



GEORGE P'S BASKETBALL UPDATE

After last year's success winning Basketball England's inaugural U13 National 3X3 event, George followed up with the runner's up spot in the **U13 National 5v5 Tournament** held in July.



Whilst playing for The Harvey, his club and progressing through Basketball England's talent pathway, George has had continuing success with Richards Elite Basketball Academy (REBA), who have given him the opportunity to play on a much bigger stage. Run by Ryan Richards, NBA draft pick 2010, the Academy started in Kent with a small number of players in 2023. Now with hundreds of players, the Academy hosts camps and competitions up and down the country.

Playing a **REBA Regionals Tournament** in August, his 'South' team came runner up and earned him his second 'All Star 5' trophy, where he remained the U13-16 Top Rebounder.

Also, in August he was given the opportunity to represent REBA at Basketball England's prestigious '**Future Stars' Tournament**, a 3 day event held in London, where he played teams from across Europe and also the current England U14 team. George was both Top Scorer and Top Rebounder in a single game, against some very tough competition!

After coming back from illness at the end of December, George competed in the REBA '**Select' Tournament**. This was 2 days of fierce competition in London, with the best REBA players selected from across the country, and where his team were worthy runners up.

Coming up in April is another amazing opportunity, George is on the roster for REBA's U16 team, taking part in the **EYBL (European Youth Basketball League) Tournament** in Estonia. The EYBL is the biggest youth league in the EU and showcases top players from across Europe, it is where many young players are scouted for the European leagues. George is the only 13yr old on the squad, the other players all being 15 and 16."



HGS Hockey 2026

Hockey continues to play a large role in fixtures this term especially with so many teams involved in tournaments across the age groups.

The U12 's played at Sutton Valence in the 7 a side In2Hockey tournament with strong performances from Zach B, Eli O and Alfie T proved their worth along with some inexperienced new comers to hockey. Overall the boys did superbly well with wins against tough teams like Radnor House, Sir Joseph Williamsons, and Sutton Valence. Well done to all boys involved especially Jasper c in goal in his debut season.



The U13's had 2 tournaments in 2 weeks. The first was the South East Championships away in Weybridge at the prestigious St George's College for qualifying at the regionals in term 3. This time the team struggled against Simon Langton and St George's, who were both very strong teams coming out with two 5-2 victory's against the Harvey side. This meant the team went into the 5th/6th place playoff but unfortunately couldn't find the net enough (with plenty of chances) and the odd defensive mistake meant them losing 4-3. A long journey home from Surry for some disappointed boys.

They also competed in the Canterbury hockey club John Maylam Trophy towards the end of term which saw them with 2 win, 2 draws and 2 loses to the eventual 1st and 3rd position teams. Again, scoring was the issue and if the boys had put away the countless chances the day would have looked very different. Eventually the boys won their 7th/8th match playoff so well done to all involved. Hopefully the team will develop in the future with 8 out of 9 of the boys playing at Folkestone Optimists including Will S, Herbert S, and Robert F who all had Kent trials with Will S making the squad and impressing recently for the Kent team.



Harvey Grammar School U13 Tournament Team

At U14 level, the team were invited to the State Schools Festival and entered into the tier 2 competition, leaving out some of our more experienced players and allowing more players game time. Win's against Sir Joseph Williamson 1-0, Duke of York's 3-1 and a lose to Oathall Community College 1-0 meant the team still qualified for the afternoon session. The team replayed Oathall in the final and redeemed themselves with a 3-1 win. A much better team displayed but special mention has to go to Oishin D in goal with some fabulous saves.



U14 State Schools Tier 2 Champions

The team also represented the Harvey at the Tier 3 Kent Championships winning overall with victories against Sir Roger Manwoods and Norton Knatchbull and a drawer against St Lawrence College. The team has come on so much this term and more students have been keen to join the set up and start playing hockey. I hope it continues!



U14 Tier 3 Kent Champions

One of our strongest year groups played in the well respected U15 Peter Firminger Trophy at St Edmunds in Canterbury. The boys acquitted themselves very well in the morning session coming second in their 3 games beating hosts St Edmunds 2-0 and Sir Roger Manwoods 6-0 but coming unstuck against St Lawrence. The team went through to play a very strong Kent College team in the afternoon drawing the game 1-1 and unluckily losing on shuffles (penalties), even with Artemis S saving the first shuffle but the ball rebounding out to the player who volleyed it in.

Finally, to the unluckiest team – the 1st XI! Travelling all the way to Hazelmere, Surry in the gloom and rain to play in the South East U18B Hockey Tournament having won the Kent regionals in term 3. The team must have had weary legs from the 2-hour journey and started slowly against host Godalming losing 2-1 with Jack T scoring one of the most unbelievable back post deflections at shoulder height I've ever seen! But the team regrouped and won their remaining games 2-0 against Collyers, 2-0 against Skinners and then 4-1 v Lingfield. Impressive performances from all players but not quite enough. Both Skinners and Godalming as well as the Harvey Team all finished on equal points but Skinners went through on 1 goal difference better than us and head to the National Finals in Nottingham!!! So close but yet so far. Another successful season with so many boys playing high quality hockey for both school, club and county so well done to all involved.

HANDBALL REPORT TERM 4

U13 COMPETITION WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH



	Dover Grammar		Harvey Grammar		Rainham Mark		Sir Roger Manwoods 1		Sir Roger Manwoods 2		Played	W	D	L	Scored			Points	Position
	Result	Points	Result	Points	Result	Points	Result	Points	Result	Points					For	Against	Diff.		
1	Dover Grammar		D	5	W	4	W	8	W	8	0	3	1	0	25	12	13	11	1
2	Harvey Grammar	D	5		D	4	W	9	W	4	0	2	2	0	22	12	10	10	2
3	Rainham Mark	L	2	D	4		W	5	W	4	0	2	1	1	15	12	3	9	3
4	Sir Roger Manwoods 1	L	4	L	1	L	1		D	3	0	0	1	3	9	25	-16	5	5
5	Sir Roger Manwoods 2	L	1	L	2	L	3	D	3		0	0	1	3	9	19	-10	5	4

Winner	Dover Grammar
Runners-Up	Rainham Mark

U15 COMPETITION WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH



	Dover Grammar		Harvey Grammar		Rainham Mark		Sir Roger Manwoods 1		Sir Roger Manwoods 2		Played	W	D	L	Scored			Points	Position	
	Result	Points	Result	Points	Result	Points	Result	Points	Result	Points					For	Against	Diff.			
1	Dover Grammar		D	5	W	4	W	8	W	8	0	3	1	0	25	12	13	11	1	
2	Harvey Grammar	D	5		D	4	W	9	W	4	0	2	2	0	22	12	10	10	2	
3	Rainham Mark	L	2	D	4			W	5	W	4	0	2	1	1	15	12	3	9	3
4	Sir Roger Manwoods 1	L	4	L	1	L	1			D	3	0	0	1	3	9	25	-16	5	5
5	Sir Roger Manwoods 2	L	1	L	2	L	3	D	3			0	0	1	3	9	19	-10	5	4

Winner	DOVER GRAMMAR
Runners-Up	HARVEY GRAMMAR

RUGBY REPORT TERM 4

YEAR 7

Finally, Year 7 Rugby training has continued in term 4 in preparation for the Rugby Festivals which took place on Tuesday 24th March for the Ashford and Folkestone District schools. Once again, several Folkestone RFC players have attended, many boys have returned to the game and a selection of new HGS Year 7 boys trying out rugby for the first time! Hopefully with continued commitment to training a stepping stone for the Year 7 into the South Kent League next academic year.



DISTRICT 7S FESTIVAL TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

Congratulations to the whole squad on their excellent efforts and performances during the day in their first competitive games representing the Harvey Grammar. Despite their disappointment at losing 4 out of their 5 games, close scores in all of their matches, is a good indicator of how well the boys actually played throughout the festival.



Top Try Scorer – Tonito J.

YEAR 8

Year 8 have an established squad now of 20 players and under the guidance of Coach Simpson have had an exciting season. A steep learning curve for all the squad but they have achieved some positive results against tough opposition. The season has continued in term 4 with attendance at the District and Kent 7 a side-competitions.

KENT 7S COMPETITION.



Ashford	5	Harvey GS	20
Bennett	20	Harvey GS	5
Harvey GS	5	Howard	0
Harvey GS	0	King's Rochester	15
Harvey GS	15	Wilmington	20

DISTRICT 7S FESTIVAL TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

An excellent day of running rugby saw the boys win 5 out of 5 games at the festival. Scoring 210 points and only conceding 30 are amazing statistics.

Top Try Scorer Reece M.



With many of the squad now training and playing for Folkestone we have seen a continuation in the standard of performance observed during term 1 and 2. Austin S, Rhys M, Seb C and new boy Will S being standout players this season. Squad below.



YEAR 9

SOUTH KENT LEAGUE

With the season finishing in term 4 the League culminates with a scheduled final fixture for all teams in a waterfall style format. In the Year 9 competition Harvey finishing in first place face our local rivals who finished in second place, Norton Knatchbull Grammar. The game is scheduled as an evening game, early in term 5, at Folkestone Rugby club. It would be great to see as many pupils, parents and staff there as possible to support the team in their last game of the season!

YEAR 9 Fixtures					
Home Team		Away Team			DATE
Ashford School 10	14	Harvey GS	31	WON	Tuesday 16th September AWAY
O P G S	12	Harvey GS	50	WON	Thursday 25th September AWAY
N K G S	5	Harvey GS	19	WON	Tuesday 7th October AWAY
U14 Harvey GS	32	BENNETT	15	WON	Thursday 5th March HOME
T W G S B	0	Harvey GS	28	WON	Monday 23rd March HOME
TRINITY	0	Harvey GS	28	WON	Thursday 26th March AWAY
FINAL Harvey GS		N K G S			
KENT CUP					
Harvey GS	39	Hurstmere	0	WON	Wednesday 15th October FRFC CUP
S R M S	0	Harvey GS	50	WON	Tuesday 11th November AWAY
Harvey GS	10	N K G S	7	WON	Tuesday 18th November FINAL





FOOTBALL

The 1stXI season continued early in Term 4, with a long away day to Gravesend Grammar School for the semi final of the KSFA White Cup. In true 1stXI fashion, it wasn't an easy affair...

Going 1-0 down in the first half, but defending the downhill half, the squad knew it wasn't overall during the break. A tactical change to encourage the ball to go longer in the second period worked, with constant pressure on the Gravesend goal. This eventually paid off when Freddie F converted from close range to equalise. A goal keeping mistake soon after saw Jacob W score a well taken second & put us ahead with 10 minutes to go.

A defensive slip up with 5 minutes to go allowed Gravesend back in to the game, forcing it in to extra time.

Defending the hill end again meant we were on the back foot for the first period of extra time. Our opponents scored late in the half again to go in at the break ahead. Having been behind before, the boys knew this was far from over though & deservedly pulled level again through Freddie F, this time from a long range free kick. Despite our best efforts for the rest of the game, the whistle went. 3-3.

Having progressed in the quarter finals on penalties, the boys were confident. Even more so this time seen as captain Sam G was still on the pitch in goal. A good save from him against their second spot kick meant we went ahead in the shoot out early. This lead was never relinquished, as all 5 of our penalties were scored to see us earn a place in the final.

The final sees us face local rivals Dover Grammar School. They'll have 'home' field advantage, as the game will be played at Deal Town FC on Wednesday 22nd April. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985518388950?aff=oddtcreator> It would be great for the boys to have as many supporters there as possible, to hopefully cheer them on to cup glory!

Report by Mr Walton

SKI TRIP – Canada 2026

With the ski trip departure approaching, those absolute beginners amongst the touring party were fortunate enough to have a couple of lessons at Chatham Ski Centre.

These hours are priceless for the pupils. Not only to master the basics – snow plough stop & turns thus saving time when we hit the slopes in Canada. But also gives them experience of putting on the boots & how they feel on their feet as well as how the skis feel.



By the time the 4 hours were up, all 30 pupils were confidently making their way down the slopes, as well as able to master the button lifts (getting on was more successful than getting off for some though).

The countdown is on for the trip departure on Easter Sunday – see you all bright & early... 4am at the Sports Hall. Don't forget your passports!



Details about next year's ski trip to Vermont America have been emailed out & places are filling up fast. For more information, please email Mr Cowling:
sccowling@harveyqs.kent.sch.uk

Harvey Grammar School Performer of the Term



Ethan S (Yr11)

Achieving 199/200 in his Cambridge Sports Science course, including full marks in his exam unit.



Harvey Grammar School Team of the Term



1st XI Hockey

Coming joint first in the SE U18B Regional Comp (on goal difference).



SPORTS LEADERS TEAM TERM 4

Congratulations to the pupils below who have been selected for the HGS Sports Leaders Team 2025-26.

SPORTS LEADERS		
YR 8	YR 9	
KANE G	WILL C	MONTY S
SAM S	BEN B	RALPH T
TED H	ISAAC F	LUCAS R
LUCA C	OLIVER F	FRANK S
RJ S	BARNABY D	OISIN D
JAY W	ZAC C	JACOB S
HUGO K	KYD W	OLIVER M
IMMANUEL P	LUKE T	EMANUEL W
HERBERT S	ZAK K	WILLIAM P
WILL S	BERTIE I	ELI M
NOAH S	JAMES W S	GEORGE W
ROWAN H	SAM D	FINNIAN N J
EDDIE R	SOUL	JASPER S
TEDDY H	MAXX	ZIA Q
HENRY T C	DAWSON C	
JACK F		

A new team has been established in Year 8. It is pleasing to see so many Year 9 applying again and succeeding, after successful initiation into the Leadership scheme last year. Even more rewarding is the number of boys in the new team who are not involved with the HGS Sports Teams. Their experiences Leading in lessons has certainly inspired them to get involved on another level.

This year the boys will once again experience the role of Leadership by supporting at the many sporting primary and secondary events organised by The Sports Trust. Below is the current list of events that the boys will be actively involved in as Sports Leaders. In some events they will be specifically involved as support for primary students being introduced to new activities. In others they will be asked to officiate in competitions where they can use their expertise in many their major sports such as Football, Hockey, Handball and Athletics.

THE SPORTS TRUST **MH** **SG** - SPORTS LEADERS EVENTS LEADERS NUMBERS

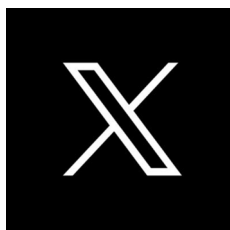
Day	Date	Competition	Venue	Time	Number	
TERM 4						
Thursday	26 th March	Dodgeball training with Sarah Green SGO	HGS SPORTS HALL		24	SG
Thursday	19th March 2026	Hockey	THSP	8.50-3pm	8	MH
Thursday	26th March 2026	Handball	THSP	8.50-3pm	8	MH
Thursday	2nd April 2026	Handball	THSP	8.50-3pm	8	MH
Thursday	2 nd April 2026	Year 9/10 Dodgeball Competition	THSP	8.50-12pm	24	SG

TERM 5						
Thursday	23 rd April 2026	KS ½ inclusive Sports Festival 2	THSP	8.50-12pm	10	SG
Wednesday	29th April 2026	Lacrosse	THSP	8.50-12pm	6	MH
Thursday	7 th May 2026	Gladiators 5	THSP	8.50-12pm	10	SG
Thursday	21 st May 2026	Young Carers Festival	THSP	8.50-12pm	10	SG
Thursday	4th June 2026	Tag rugby	THSP	8.50-3pm	12	MH
TERM 6						
Thursday	25 th June 2026	Gladiators 6	THSP	8.50-12pm	10	SG

As well as following the schools Leadership programme we will also be looking to provide some NGB training. In Term 4, 24 of the team have been trained as Dodgeball officials by Sarah Green SGO to officiate at the District Competitions. They completed an online British Dodgeball sports leader training session at HGS and will receive certificates and certification in due course. The Tennis Leaders Award will be delivered again for all as well as hopefully some Athletics Officiating Courses. Congratulations and good luck to the new team.

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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.

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!**