



CORNERS

NEWSLETTER JULY 2019



Junior Play, Lower Fifth Geography trip to the Lake District, Inter-House Swimming Gala, Italian and Spanish Cookery Masterclasses, Lower Fifth Performance Concert, Inter-House Gymnastics, Duke of Edinburgh Award ...and much more



From the Headmaster

D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read. Over the last decade an international movement has sprung up which promotes reading in schools and elsewhere. The inspiration for the initiative comes from the United States and is credited to Beverly Cleary, a celebrated children’s novelist.

Academic research into the benefits of reading for pleasure highlight vocabulary development, of course, but also gains in mathematics, as well as a child’s wider cognitive abilities. Parents of younger children will be reading bedtime stories each evening and it is normal for primary school-aged children to enjoy reading themselves in bed at night.

Unfortunately, there is a marked drop-off in reading rates amongst secondary school-aged children. This need not be the case and should not be the case for any pupil at a privileged and prestigious London day school such as Francis Holland. In many of our families, parents continue to read aloud to their daughters well into the secondary school years. Indeed, as your child becomes a teenager, the act of reading together can be a wholly positive experience and a valuable point of convergence between the busy life of the parent and the developing life of the child. What is more, most of our pupils are still accustomed to reading at night-time and this is to be encouraged. That said, it is clear to me that not all Francis Holland girls are in this habit. With this in mind, the school has a number of initiatives to support

families which are grappling with how to encourage reading.

Twice this academic year, I have enjoyed picking out newspaper articles three times a week for three weeks. The purpose of this has been to introduce girls to reading opinion and comment pieces by journalists and influencers. We should be aware of the big discussions in our country and our world. My ambition is to train our sixth formers to read the daily papers which are provided to their Common Room and to raise awareness in the main school that we stock a wide range of papers and periodicals in the Library. We call these articles the ‘scholars’ readings’ and they are available to all pupils.

In the spring term, the Library celebrates World Book Day and, next year, we plan to mark Jewish Book

Week too. Author visits are common, and we hosted a pop-up shop for Daunt Books last term.

Over the summer holidays there is also a concerted effort to encourage reading. This year, our bookmarks will include suggestions for books which pupils have enjoyed and I am offering one house point for eight books read or two house points for twelve. If parents would like to join their daughters in the summer reading challenge, spare bookmarks are available from reception. Sadly, mums and dads are not eligible for house points!

Drop Everything and Read!

CHARLES FILLINGHAM

FRANCIS HOLLAND SCHOOL
REGENT'S PARK
SUMMER 2019

These books have been popular with FHS girls:

- **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** Mark Haddon
- **The Strange Library** Haruki Murakami
- **Refugee Boy** Benjamin Zephaniah
- **Nevermoor** Jessica Townsend
- **The Little Prince** Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- **You Are Awesome** Matthew Syed
- **In Darkling Wood** Emma Carroll
- **The Machine Stops** E.M. Forster
- **I Am Malala** Malala Yousafzai
- **The Necklace** Guy de Maupassant
- **One** Sarah Crossan
- **I Capture the Castle** Dodie Smith
- **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** John Boyne
- **Murder Most Unladylike** Robin Stevens
- **Girl, Missing** Sophie McKenzie

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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

FRANCIS HOLLAND SCHOOL
REGENT'S PARK
SUMMER 2019

These books have been popular with FHS girls:

- **Down and Out in Paris and London** George Orwell
- **The Skills** Abdul Husain
- **White Teeth** Zadie Smith
- **We Should All Be Feminists** Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- **Educated** Tara Westover
- **The Metamorphosis** Franz Kafka
- **Alas Grace** Margaret Atwood
- **Under the Eye of the Clock** Christopher Nolan
- **Secret History** Lisa Fiedler
- **Wings** Chris Ware
- **Wonders** R.J. Palacio
- **Yes** Chris Ware
- **Yes is the Day** Chris Ware

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FRANCIS HOLLAND SCHOOL
REGENT'S PARK
SUMMER 2019

These books have been popular with FHS girls:

- **Why Does Asparagus Make Your Wee Smell?** Angus Brunning
- **We Should All Be Feminists** Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- **Wild Women** Mariella Frostrup
- **The Time Traveler's Wife** Audrey Niffenegger
- **The Little Prince** Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- **The Great Gatsby** F. Scott Fitzgerald
- **Invisible Women** Caroline Criado Perez
- **Nineteen Eighty-Four** George Orwell
- **I Am Malala** Malala Yousafzai
- **The Necklace** Guy de Maupassant
- **Girl with a Pearl Earring** Tracy Chevalier
- **You Are Awesome** Matthew Syed
- **Fasting, Feasting** Anita Desai
- **The Hate U Give** Angie Thomas
- **Girl in the Window** Penny Joelson
- **The Catcher in the Rye** J.D. Salinger

From left to right: Upper School, Lower School, and Sixth Form bookmarks

Thank you!



We want to ensure that every girl at Francis Holland, Regent's Park, benefits from an excellent, balanced education within a supportive, friendly, happy community. To help us realise this ambition, we recently launched our FHS Giving programme, which encourages our community to support the School in different ways. Donations to our Bursary Fund, the Wider Development Fund, and the Annual Fund have a

remarkable impact on the learning of current and future FHS pupils.

We would like to extend our thanks to the following for their kindness and support of this programme this year:

- Garvin & Stefanie Brown
- Helen Last
- The Oxlade family

- The Teeger family
- The Schottelius Family
- Emmanuella Dekonor

And to the additional donors who wish to remain anonymous.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming wine tasting event on 2nd July. A contribution from all tickets will be going towards transforming the front of the school into a garden over the summer holiday. We hope you will be able to join us there!

If you have any questions or would like to hear more about FHS Giving please do not hesitate to contact us at development@fhst.org.uk, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Ms Holly Mumford
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



Mosaic Club

Mosaic Club approached their latest task with scepticism when I proposed our most recent project, 'The Two Toucans'. It was an ambitious design, but they dutifully complied, and each of the nine mosaicers completed an A4 section of this large A1 artwork. When I unveiled the finished piece, everyone was delighted, as it very clearly looked like the intended outcome! This artwork is due to be displayed in the School Counsellor's office.

Mosaic club is part of Francis Holland's charity initiative for elderly people in the Westminster area. We thoroughly enjoy making work for community spaces and would appreciate any contacts that may be interested in displaying one of our creations.

Mrs Heather Maund
ART TECHNICIAN





Staff Farewells

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to a number of staff at the end of this academic year. Their input over the years, whether it be in the classroom, on the sports field, running clubs or accompanying trips, has been greatly appreciated by their peers and students alike. We wish them well as they set off for pastures new and thank them for all they have done for FHS.

They are:

- **Mr Lanre Bello**
MATHS DEPARTMENT
- **Mr Duncan Bryson**
HISTORY DEPARTMENT
- **Mr Tom Carew Hunt**
LEARNING ENHANCEMENT DEPARTMENT
- **Miss Gabe Clydesdale-Huch**
PE DEPARTMENT
- **Ms Lauriane Glas**
MFL DEPARTMENT
- **Mrs Kathryn Healey**
MATHS DEPARTMENT
- **Mrs Wanda Hu**
MANDARIN TEACHER
- **Mrs Kirsty Lombard**
PE DEPARTMENT
- **Mrs Rosie North**
ART DEPARTMENT
- **Mrs Hana Packford**
HEAD OF CLASSICS
- **Miss Laura Quick**
HISTORY DEPARTMENT
- **Mrs Victoria Randle**
HEAD OF UPPER FOURTH
- **Ms Emma Warner**
MFL DEPARTMENT

Ms Amelia Slocombe
SENIOR DEPUTY HEAD

Young Enterprise Winners



Congratulations to Sock 'n' Sole who won the Marketing Award at the Young Enterprise Central London Final on Thursday 2nd May. Their presentation was fabulous and the trade stand looked wonderful. Although girls from FHS have reached the second round before, this is the first time that a team has won an award at this stage of the

competition, making this a particularly fantastic achievement.

Well done to Allegra, Emilia, Natasha, Cecilia, Olivia, Bella, Manrica, Emma, Devina and Ria.

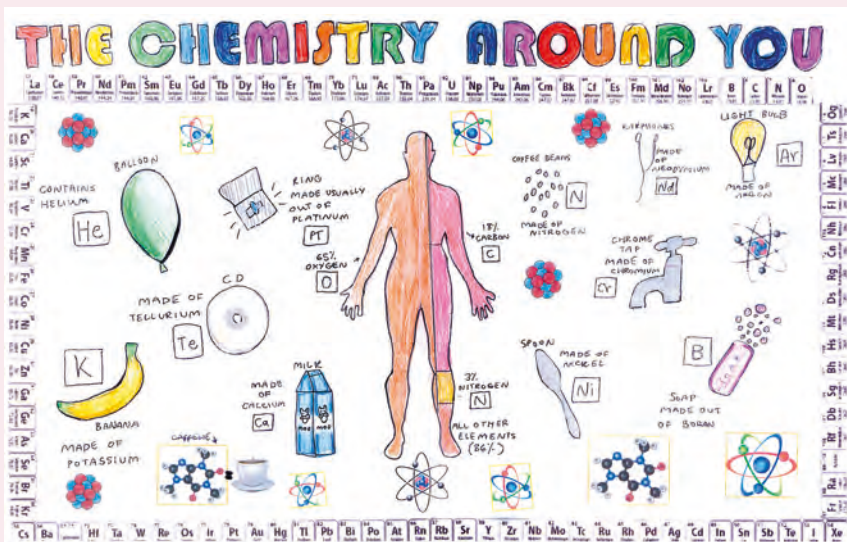
Miss Ann-Marie Conway
HEAD OF ECONOMICS

RSC's Periodic Table Poster Competition

This year, 2019, has been designated the International Year of the Periodic Table to commemorate 150 years since it was first discovered by

Mendeleev. The Royal Society for Chemistry organised a Periodic Table Poster Competition to celebrate this special year in the Spring Term and a number of the Thirds submitted entries. Congratulations to Delaney Grey whose poster 'The Chemistry Around You' was awarded runner-up.

Mr Paul Tiley
HEAD OF CHEMISTRY





Jujiro Careers Event: Creative Industries

For our final Careers panel of the academic year, on Wednesday 1st May, we were joined by members of the Art and Design community: Jane Suito, Director and Founder of Found Art Consultancy; Cristian Albu, Senior

Specialist and Director in Post-War and Contemporary Art at Christies; and Tamsin Ogilvie, Graphic Designer and Founder of Tamsin Ogilvie Studio. They shared with us stories from their time working in the creative industries, and encouraged the girls to “dare to dream”, to be determined as “we all bloom at different stages”, and to be hungry for knowledge whether it be gained through reading or by visiting galleries and auction houses. The panel answered a host of questions from staff and students, ending on the all-important advice: “Don’t be the person who sees the problems; be the person who comes up with solutions”. We are very grateful to them for their time and words of wisdom.

Miss Sarah Lawrence
SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Junior Maths Challenge

We have received the results for the UK Junior Mathematics Challenge 2019 which took place in April. Here are the results:

Lower Fourth

BRONZE CERTIFICATE

- » Emily Egert
- » Evie Gaylord
- » Isabella Metta
- » Lily Brown
- » Emer Keery
- » Isabel Gishen
- » Lucia Buckles-Motts
- » Tara Campion
- » Milly Winterburn

SILVER CERTIFICATE

- » Tacita Rhys Williams
- » Riana Banga
- » Lola Shingles
- » Nicola Wiedebach
- » Jasmine Sparrow
- » Sienna Hayes
- » Ashley Wu
- » Gabriela Leon-Acosta

- » Selin Mucen
- » Dasha Trifonova
- » Samira Bhutani

GOLD CERTIFICATE

- » Claudia Sutton
- » Venice Gainfort-Head

Thirds

BRONZE CERTIFICATE

- » Eva Martin
- » Sheherezade Reith
- » Ella Cave-Bigley
- » Scarlet Stevenson
- » Nayla Noren
- » Thalia Govotsis
- » Martha Lewell
- » Ina Feder
- » Serene El-Akabi
- » Valentine Traissac
- » Charlotte Baird

- » Anna Pavlova-Harris
- » Annabel Ajayi
- » Stella McKay

SILVER CERTIFICATE

- » Kamila Abdulhamidova
- » Melody Pahang
- » Rosie Woods
- » Celia Clarke
- » Agnes Simons
- » Imogen Fishlock
- » Lily Lomnitzer
- » Olivia Gill-Boniaszczuk
- » Charlotte de Lisle

GOLD CERTIFICATE

- » Huaiyu Wu

Venice Gainfort-Head was awarded Best in Year for the Lower Fourth and Huaiyu Wu achieved Best in Year for the Thirds. Huaiyu also received the certificate for Best in School and qualified for the Junior Kangaroo, which is an excellent achievement.

Many congratulations to all the girls!

Miss Neermala Murugan
TEACHER OF MATHS

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 1st May, the Junior and Senior Inter-House Swimming Galas took place in the school pool. The poolside area was bursting at the seams with girls cheering on their respective houses. There were some very impressive times swam in both the open races and individual races. Girls also enjoyed the novelty races. All the girls who took part should be congratulated for their efforts. In the end it was a close-run competition with Jupiter just surpassing Mars by 5 points, making them the overall winners with 109 points.

Mrs Kirsty Lombard
TEACHER OF SPORT



Points Update

As the final few weeks of term approach the competition for the House Cup is really heating up. This term it's all about the Sport, with Inter-House Swimming, Volleyball and Gymnastics competitions already providing ample opportunity for teams to amass points. And what a difference it's made to the scoreboard! Jupiter

have overtaken Mars after they won both the Swimming Gala and Gymnastics competition, while Saturn have strengthened their lead by narrowly taking the Volleyball victory. Only one or two events remain (not least Sports Day) and we are anxiously anticipating the crowning of our champions.



695
points



654
points



716
points



Gymnastics

After a whole year of hard work and commitment, a strong team of girls from all three houses took part in the Inter-House Gymnastics competition. The girls were split into two groups, intermediate and advanced. All the girls performed amazingly, showcasing new skills and pushing themselves to the limit. The intermediate winners were Eva Dreyer and Annabel Ajayi, with Emily Hoare coming in second and Emily Egert in third place. In the advanced category, the winner was Chloe Dyos, with India Smith coming second and Charlotte Baird finishing third. All the students did absolutely amazingly, and overall Jupiter won gaining 21 points for their house, with Saturn in second and Mars in third.

Mrs Brogan Percy
TEACHER OF SPORT



Volleyball

The Upper Fourth and Lower Fifth Inter-House Volleyball competition took place in the gym at lunchtime on Tuesday 8th May. There was a great atmosphere created by supportive spectators. The competition itself demonstrated a higher standard of skills than last year. Overall Jupiter

scored the most points from games, with the final featuring Saturn's Lower Fourth against Jupiter's Lower Fifth. Saturn smashed Jupiter, doubling their score and winning the 2019 Volleyball competition!

Miss Gabe Clydesdale-Huch
TEACHER OF SPORT



Junior Play: *Macbeth* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

On the evenings of the 13th and 14th June, audiences found themselves on the edge of their seats as they watched the bloody battles, plots and schemes of *Macbeth* unfold before their eyes. With an exceptional performance by Alice Martin as Macbeth and Kamila Abdulhamidova as Lady Macbeth, a great epic was spun as the two plotted and conspired for the throne. The entire piece was brought to life by an eerie ensemble who took on the roles of warriors and spirits throughout the play.

The stage was then transformed into to magic-filled forest as we entered the world of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Full of mischief, magic, and music the stage came alive as we followed the enchanting world of the fairies and Athenians in Shakespeare's most beguiling comedy.

The entire cast performed with an energy and skill that was captivating and made for a fantastic night of theatre.

Miss Frances Wright
GAP YEAR INTERN



DRAMA



Lighting Workshop

In preparation for the latest FHS production, Mr Andrews and I were joined by the Zero88 Lighting Company on Monday 3rd June for a lighting workshop. The girls learnt about all aspects of theatre lighting from setting up a scheme, through to developing an overall design and working collaboratively with a director. They put together two lighting designs – one for this year’s Junior Play, and the other for the school production of *The Tempest* coming in November.

Mrs Helen Simmons
HEAD OF DRAMA



Props Workshop

On Friday 7th June, the Drama Department ran a props and puppet-making workshop with 3D designer Sadie Windsor Richards for the Thirds and Lower Fourth students interested in theatre design. Our girls were joined by ten pupils from Kingsbury Green Primary School,

whom they worked with to create beautiful butterfly puppets for use in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. It was a great opportunity for our students to stretch their wings.

Mrs Helen Simmons
HEAD OF DRAMA

Heather's Highlights



Kamila Abdulhamidova, III



Sophia Cochrane, LIV



Eva Dreyer, UIV



Lower Fifth IGCSE Performance Concert

All the girls in Lower Fifth taking music IGCSE gave a fantastic concert in the School Hall. With no fewer than

seventeen performers, this year group is a serious force to be reckoned with in musical terms! There was an eclectic mix of pieces, from a violin double concerto by Bach to Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and Hozier's 'Take Me to Church'. Particular thanks to Jazzy Charap who acted as an accompanist as well as performing as a soloist.

Mr Robert Patterson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Students in the Lower School have produced some lovely work during their exams this year, and as usual we were really impressed. The Thirds have used layers of colour pencil to develop some really interesting drawings of plants. (The Art Department is looking quite jungle-like!) Lower Fourth threw themselves into the Bauhaus for the 100th anniversary of the movement. It was great to see our budding designers take a verb of their choice and work so skilfully at creating energy and balance through collage. Upper Fourth took on the challenge of creating art based around literature. The work they have made includes aspects of storytelling as well as using the pages to create social and political points. It has been great to see them take and run with a very independent project.

Mrs Heather Maund
ART TECHNICIAN

Senior Vocal Concert

A selection of senior girls gathered to present the annual Senior Vocal Concert in the School Hall. All the performances were very well polished and it was also a poignant farewell to the Upper Sixth singers who have contributed so much over the past seven years to music-making at Francis Holland.

Mr Robert Patterson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Lower Fifth Geography Trip to the Lake District

Following the Easter holidays, the Lower Fifth IGCSE geographers enjoyed a four-day trip to the Lake District where they sampled both human and physical geography fieldwork techniques. Our girls explored coastal and river environments and completed urban and tourism studies around Bowness-on-Windermere. We enjoyed great weather, a lovely viewpoint at the top of Orrest Head and multiple animal sightings. Thank you to all the girls who worked well both in the field and back in the classroom, producing some excellent work surrounding the process of conducting fieldwork.

Mrs Jo Dawes
HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY



Spanish Cookery Masterclass

A group of twenty-three Upper Fourth Spanish students attended a cookery masterclass at La Cucina Caldesi on Thursday 13th June. The group had learnt vocabulary linked to cooking, food, Spanish cuisine and eating habits as part of their syllabus, so this was an excellent educational experience to conclude the current academic year. The chef Carolina first demonstrated how to make tortilla española (Spanish omelette). Then they were shown how to make albondigas de carne en salsa de tomate (meat balls in a tomato sauce), before looking at how to cook

champiñones al ajillo (a variety of mushrooms cooked with garlic and thyme). Finally, they were taught how to bake tarta de naranja con aceite de oliva, which is an orange cake made with olive oil. After being exposed to the recipes, the girls were separated into four groups to have a go at cooking the dishes for themselves. The food was superb and the girls were very pleased and proud with the results. ¡Muy bien, chicas! ¡Qué rica la comida!

Mrs Natalia Estima
HEAD OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES





Italian Cookery Masterclass

As is tradition by now, a group of very eager and hungry Upper Fourth Italian students attended a cookery masterclass at La Cucina Caldesi on Tuesday 11th June. The group had learnt about food, Italian cuisine and eating habits as part of their syllabus so this was an excellent, as well as rewarding, educational experience to conclude the current academic year. The chef Stefano demonstrated how to make ravioli and tagliatelle, two simple and yet flavoursome sauces, and a chocolate and almond cake; then the girls had a go themselves. Everything from scratch, everything in Italian, and everything with genuine Italian ingredients. The girls proved to be quite skilful in the kitchen and they certainly built up an appetite!! We hope our girls will don their aprons again and cook for their families soon.

Mr Nicola Gridelli
HEAD OF ITALIAN



Lower Sixth trip to *Waitress*

The summer term has been quite busy and demanding for our Lower Sixth students who have sat internal exams in their A Level subjects; therefore, as a treat, we took our 'beautiful pies' to see the musical *Waitress*.

Sweet and sour, sentimental and funny, ethically dubious yet somehow life-affirming, the musical mixes all of this up to make a strangely delicious show.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the story line and the elating good humour. It was such a joyful way to celebrate the end of the exam season!

Mr Nicola Gridelli
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Having completed a practice expedition in Chelmsford on the weekend of the 4th May, our Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates undertook the real thing on Saturday 25th May in Chesham. They braved the elements to walk the Chiltern Hills for three days and came back tired, but jubilant, as they finished the route. Congratulations to all the girls who have now finished their Silver Award!

For Gold Award students, their time is coming. From Monday 8th to



Friday 12th July they're off to the Peaks for their practice trek; then on Monday 26th to Friday 30th August they'll be in Wales for the assessed expedition.

Any Girls working towards the Bronze Award need not feel left out as a training day in September,

and expeditions to Harlow and Chelmsford await them in the new academic year. For now, they should just keep working on their skills and updating their evidence online.

Miss Hermione Williams
DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD CO-ORDINATOR

Cheerleading

Congratulations to the Sharks, who won first place at the London Dance and Cheer Academy spring competition on Monday 29th April. The league finals take place later this term and we wish them all the best.

Mrs Alex Francisco
ASSISTANT DEPUTY HEAD





Gymnastics

Well done to the gymnastics team that took part in the Queens College competition this term. The girls performed exceptionally well at a very high standard.

A special well done needs to go to Chloe Dyos who finished third overall and to Charlotte Baird and Rose Slinn who finished joint second.

Mrs Brogan Percy
TEACHER OF SPORT

Rounders

The U15 and U14 girls this term competed in the combined Year 9/10 Westminster Rounders Tournament. Both teams came up against a few really strong competitors from across Westminster, but when it came to the final it ended up being an all Francis Holland affair. Both teams played an exceptionally strong game, with the final score only having one rounder in it. The U15 team were the overall winners, with U14 taking a noble second place.

Mrs Brogan Percy
TEACHER OF SPORT



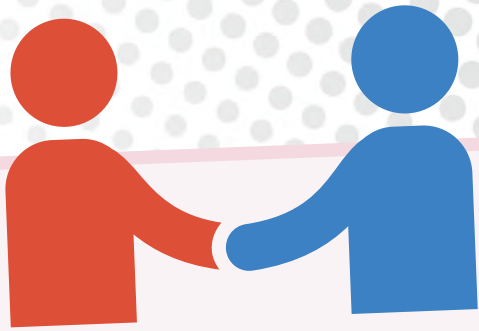
Athletics

On Friday 3rd May, the FHS girls took part in the Battersea Park Athletics competition. The girls trained exceptionally hard before the event and performed very well. The event had to finish early due to the rain, but FHS NW1 won overall, scoring a massive 1720 points. Well done to all the girls who took part.

Miss Laura Burroughs
DIRECTOR OF SPORT



DIARY



Meet the Tutor Evenings

- **Wednesday 11 September**
Upper Fourth
- **Wednesday 18 September**
Lower Fourth
- **Wednesday 25 September**
Lower Fifth
- **Thursday 10 October**
Thirds

Wine tasting

You are invited to join the Headmaster on Tuesday 2nd July for a viticultural tour of France in five wines provided by France Uncorked and led by Mr Paul Bolt, a Chevalier of the Order of the Coteaux de Champagne.



Tickets are available on Eventbrite.



Careers Events

Monday 14 October, 5pm
STEAM Research

Tuesday 10 December, 1pm
Banking & Financial Services

Musical Save the Dates



- **Wednesday 9 October, 6pm**
Music Recital
- **Sunday 10 November, 7.30pm**
The Fifteen @ Harrow School
- **Thursday 21 November, 6pm**
Autumn Concert



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