



We are delighted to welcome prospective pupils and families to our

# OPEN DAY

## 19TH OCT 2021

**AM & PM  
SESSIONS AVAILABLE**



Contact us to reserve your place: 01295 263067 or [office@harriers-aspirations.org](mailto:office@harriers-aspirations.org)

### Principal's News

#### Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I would like to start by singing the praises of our wonderful new Year 6s. They have been on their residential this week; taking on challenges, building friendships, staying away from home and dealing with torrential rain (for Eagles on Tuesday). They have had a fantastic time and feedback from the centre is that they are one of the best behaved, respectful groups they have had visit in years. Well done Year 6 and thank you to all of our staff who attended and made the trip possible.

Our new PE uniform launched this term and the all navy makes the children look smart and comfortable throughout the day. There have been a couple of queries about hoodies. Unfortunately they are not allowed as they pose a health and safety risk during some activities and games. The uniform allows for a zip up (hoodless) plain navy top or a plain navy sweatshirt. The branded PE uniform can be purchased from [Cross Embroidery](#) or plain

navy alternatives can be purchased from many stores and supermarkets online.



Our Open Day for new pupils is fast approaching, on Tuesday 19th October. Please let friends and families know if they are looking for Nursery or Reception places in September 2022.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils may also like to know that many of the local secondary schools are soon holding their own events for prospective new pupils. Please see their websites for details, we will also endeavour to share any details received through this newsletter.

Finally - singing returned to Harriers this week! Thank you to Ms Etheridge for holding our first singing assemblies since February 2020! It was great to hear and the children loved it!

Kind regards  
**Alex Pearson**, Executive Principal



## Fantastic, Amazing, Brilliant – our Year 6 Residential!



We had a fantastic time on our first day. We walked our feet off, looked around Everdon and visited a local ancient woodland, investigated animal habitats, looked for tracks and played lots of amazing outdoor games.



Our second day was wet and wonderful! We had a proper experience of making shelters in the woods, surviving torrential rain, playing brilliant team games in the garden and learning about fire safety. We loved toasting marshmallows!



It was a brilliant last day at Everdon in the sunshine! A yummy cooked breakfast was followed by orienteering and a picnic in the garden. We have made wonderful memories, spent loads of time outside in the fresh air and eaten delicious food. Everdon, we will miss you!



# Harriers Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

**Choosing a school is a big decision and we are keen to help you make the best possible choice for your child!**

Harriers Banbury Academy is a great school where children don't just succeed... they soar!

Our mission statement 'Learning to Fly' was created by the school's pupils, who are always learning and always trying to achieve their best.



We provide a warm welcome and an exciting, safe environment where the hopes and talents of each child can be realised. We are surrounded by acres of green field, including a forest school and reading bus, and make the most of outdoor learning. The resources and opportunities for our pupils are excellent.

Harriers provides a modern and expansive curriculum. Teachers are given the freedom to teach in a way that meets the needs of the students, and pupils are resilient, have empathy and develop teamwork and leadership skills, ending their time here with strong academic results ahead of national outcomes. It's a combination that could make Harriers the perfect fit for your child.

**We'd be delighted to welcome families seeking a place for September 2022 to our Open Day on 19 October 2021. Please phone the office (01295-263067) to register for one of our sessions (9-11am or 1.30-2.30pm).**

Feel free meanwhile to enjoy our virtual tour at: [www.harriers-aspirations.org](http://www.harriers-aspirations.org)

We look forward to showing you our provision, our values, and how we ensure each child believes in his or her potential – and supports others to achieve theirs.



***"We have had a great experience! We couldn't have asked for a better start to school; even under the current circumstances, we have felt everything has gone smoothly and our little boy is really happy and settled."***

***New Harriers parent, Oct 2020***

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## The Great Fire!

Year 2 classes had a great experience learning how easily fire spreads, by burning their Tudor house replicas, at the start of their topic on The Great Fire of London.



## Sense of accomplishment



Our children always amaze us with the number of activities that they take part in, at school but also outside of school as well. The [sense of accomplishment](#) page celebrates their achievements, whether in clubs, sports or the community. Please email [office@harriers-aspirations.org](mailto:office@harriers-aspirations.org), with a short description and photo, if you would like to share your child/ren's successes with us.

## High Flyers



Our weekly '[High Flyers](#)' are celebrated in special assemblies and can feature individual children or classes, or even the whole school, when they have flown high in their learning and achievements.

## Take a virtual visit to Harriers

Our new [Virtual Visit](#) video is online now, giving you a glimpse of all we can offer children that come to our wonderful school.



Our Virtual Visit explains the support, nurture and encouragement we give our pupils... ensuring they do their very best and fly high!

## School dinners

Parents of new starters, please don't forget to activate your Parent Pay account so you can book your children's school dinners for next week or you can book for the whole term. It is also important to let the office know if your child has any dietary requirements. For all current children attending school, please let us know if there are any changes to your child's dietary requirements.

## Seesaw

Homework and spellings are now being loaded on Seesaw, please make sure you have signed up to your class account. If you need any assistance with this, please see your child's teacher.

## Why not learn a musical instrument?

Oxfordshire County Music Service offers **flute**, **violin** and **guitar** lessons at Harriers.

If your child would like to learn another instrument, you can still sign up to join our waiting list – we may be able to start lessons if there is enough interest.

To sign up, or for more information including prices, please visit: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest)

## Open Evenings

For Year 7 September 2022 entry  
including Wykham Park Year 7 pathway to  
Futures Institute Banbury

**OPEN EVENING**  
Wed 6th October 6.00 - 8.00 pm  
Presentation 7.00 pm



please register your interest via email  
[transition@wykhampark-aspirations.org](mailto:transition@wykhampark-aspirations.org)

[futuresbanbury.org](http://futuresbanbury.org)     [wykhampark-aspirations.org](http://wykhampark-aspirations.org)

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## Dates for your Diary

**19th October:** Open Day for prospective EYU/New families (see poster).

**Friday 22nd October:** Last day of Term 1.

**Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October:** Holiday.

**Monday 1st November:** First day of Term 2.  
Friday 26th November – INSET day (no children in school).

Term and holiday dates for this academic year 2021-2022 are online now: [Term Dates](#)



Another great way to see what we are learning at Harriers is to follow our [Facebook](#) page or our [Twitter](#) page.



## Community Activities

**Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form**

All applications are welcome  
Addison Road, Banbury, OX16 9DG  
Telephone: 01295 264216



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Open Evening

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 in the Sports Hall  
Principal's Presentation starts @ 6.30 pm

Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 @ 6.30 pm in the Sports Hall

From the beginning of their BGN journey, we will endeavour to support, encourage and nurture each child to be the very best they can be: spiritually, academically and socially, equipping them to move confidently into the next stage of their life



In the interests of safety, all staff and students will be wearing a face mask and we politely request that all attendees do so too (*unless exempt*)

If driving, evening access is via Springfield Avenue only and exit is via Addison Road  
General enquiries can be directed to office.4600@bgn.oxon.sch.uk  
[www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk)



An Academy within The Pope Francis Catholic MAC

Step by Step Dance School

**New Children's Beginners Latin & Ballroom Dance Classes**

Every Wednesday from September 15th

6-6.45pm  
Bodicote Village Hall  
£7 per lesson  
No partner needed

Limited places, booking in advance only by DM or emailing:  
[Glenda.Harper.StepByStepDanceSchool@outlook.com](mailto:Glenda.Harper.StepByStepDanceSchool@outlook.com)

Step by Step Dance School

**New Adult Beginners Latin & Ballroom Dance Classes**

Every Wednesday from September 15th

2-3pm  
Kings Sutton Village Hall,  
Astrop Road OX17 3PG  
£7 per lesson  
No partner needed

Limited places, booking in advance only by DM or emailing:  
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