



HARLINGTON HEADLIGHTS

Stay Safe over the summer

My first August message goes out to all our children to stay safe and well over the summer. Continued reading is essential at this time to enable and empower each child to continue their journey to the best version of themselves.

Where our contacts may be limited, there remains a skeleton crew within the building preparing for September and monitoring communications. Please do not hesitate to contact us with regards to any urgent matters at enquiries@harlington.org.

Moving into the 2023/24 Academic year I have been very grateful to the many of you who have reached out, replied and spoken to me directly to deliver on our new vision and opportunities ahead.

I have taken the suggestions from you all and especially my colleagues and our children as the students whom we serve to ensure we build an atmosphere and ethos that matches their aspirations alongside our united expectations for the best version of who they can be. With this in mind we are in the process of updating our website, using these key ideals and ethos shared with me through the year and build on what the students have been requesting. A School where their Aspirations can be delivered, their Diversity celebrated, respected and everyone’s uniqueness appreciated and valued within our united Community.



HARLINGTON SCHOOL
ASPIRATION COMMUNITY DIVERSITY

OUR HARLINGTON WAY

ASPIRATION

BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW THROUGH WHAT WE DO EVERY DAY BY...

1. BEING THE BEST VERSION OF OURSELVES
2. LEARNING AND CREATING
3. CHALLENGING OURSELVES TO IMPROVE ON YESTERDAY.



DIVERSITY

CREATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO AN ENVIRONMENT THAT...

1. INCLUDES ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, AGE, GENDER AND GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL BELIEFS, DISABILITY AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS AND BACKGROUND.
2. CHALLENGES INJUSTICE, INEQUALITY AND DISCRIMINATION IN ANY FORM
3. CELEBRATES OUR DIVERSE AND PLURAL COMMUNITY

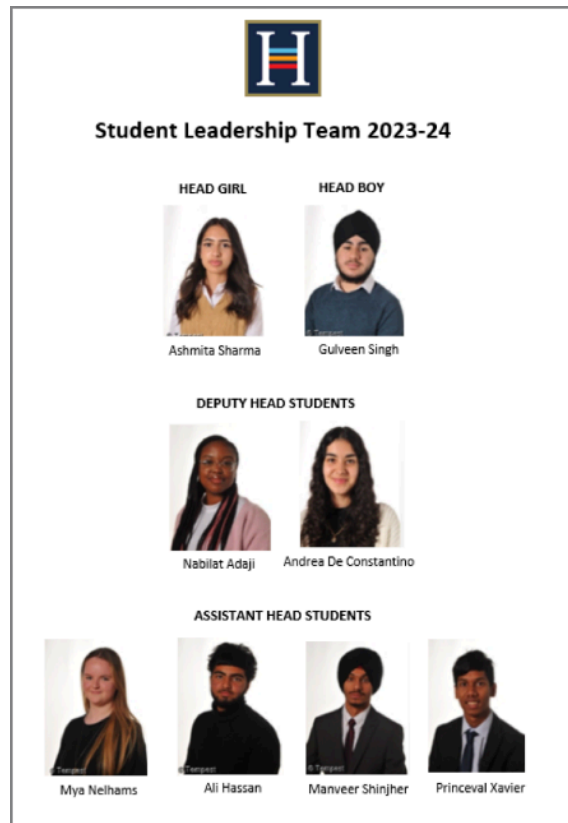
COMMUNITY

UNITE AS ONE AND STAND TOGETHER BY...

1. SUPPORTING EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO FOLLOW THE HARLINGTON WAY
2. RESPECTING, LISTENING TO, LEARNING FROM, APPRECIATING, CONNECTING AND CONSIDERING EVERYONE'S OPINIONS
3. CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Congratulations to our New Heads of School.

Well done to everyone who took part in the process for the Student Leadership Team. This team will be essential in our movement forwards and setting a standard of expectations and aspirations as role models to our younger children. Well done to all the team and we look forward to seeing their vision and service to the School prove fruitful.



End of Term moments

The end of term came very quickly and we appreciated the patience and support from all of you as we unavoidably had to alter our moving plans and deliver additional days at the end of the Academic year to accommodate this. With the new move date now set, see below, we look forward to ushering in these new opportunities and to start September as we ended July. The end of June and July saw us increase our enrichment opportunities and trips. We saw a vigorous Army Day filled with leadership skills, Year 12 visit and given access to Portsmouth University to get a taste of University life and opportunities. We saw the RIAT Airshow opportunity dazzle our future engineers and those aspiring to keep our sky safe in defence and computer technologies. The Future frontiers programme and STEM workshops across years groups also broadened the opportunities for all and I am grateful to all the staff who gave of their own time and commitment to serve our children long outside of regulated hours to provide all of these opportunities.

We also saw the end of term rewards trip. I am grateful here to those parents who reached out to me, in particular about our rewards and recognition procedures. I have read, spoken to many of you and listened. I indeed agree that this needs an overhaul. This year it had already been budgeted for a limited number and next year we do not intend to run any event where students are punitively prevented from attending or participating in an event due to processes that are not aligned with our values and commitments to all. We are looking at ways to fund a rewards system that not only recognises talent and effort, but positively challenged all of us to become that best version of ourselves.

New Build Update – change of calendar dates for 2023/24,

I am finally delighted to be updating you with some good news with regards to the New Build Harlington School. Following a meeting on Friday 28th July we now have confirmation of some vital components that will allow successful completion of the building by the end of October making a November move in date the earliest possible time to move in. This will sadly cause some disruption to our current calendar dates. Having already had to change the previous schedule we are now in a position to update a schedule with a transition from the old building into the new building over the October half term. However it will be unavoidable that this will need to include packing and unpacking days either side, along with health and safety training and canteen induction for all students. This will currently affect the school calendar dates either side of half term from the 19th October until the 3rd November 2023.

The transition into the New Build requires the School to pack all internal items to be moved into the New Build, alongside unpacking these items and health and safety training and a fire drill into the New Building. For these moving days and induction days to work, for the health and safety of the whole community, it will cause an unavoidable disruption to our in school face to face teaching. This will be substituted over these dates by online learning and work booklets across the subjects.

The updated Calendar will reflect the following dates to accommodate the move;

Wednesday October 18th (Regular School Day - Last Day in current Harlington School building). School will end at the regular time. After School the systems servers, phone network and all IT related equipment will be shut down to allow the transfer of the server and IT equipment to begin. This transfer is scheduled to take 14 days.

Thursday 19th October – Friday 20th October – Exceptional move out packing dates. Students will be directed for these two school days to learn from home. Due to no available IT facilities all learning will be scheduled through third party providers, through work booklets or directed tasks. Staff will be required in School to assist in the packing of all the current equipment that will be transported into the New Building. Therefore we will require these two days to pack away the current building ready to be transported into the new building.

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October – HALF TERM remains as scheduled

Week of Monday 30th November – Students learning remains directed at home. Due to no available IT facilities all learning will continue to be scheduled through third party providers, through work booklets or directed tasks.

Monday 30th October – Wednesday 1st November – Exceptional Staff move in days with Wednesday 1st November scheduled as a staff INSET new build induction day.

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Thursday 2nd November – New Build Health and Safety Induction - Induction Day - A 1 ½ hour Induction time for Years 11, 10 & 9.

Friday 3rd November – New Build Health and Safety Induction - Induction Day - A 1 ½ hour Induction time for Years 7, 8 & VI Form.

Monday 6th November – School Opens for ALL year groups to return into the New Building

Summary of timeline changes to the Harlington School Calendar for 2023/24 and what this means for our children learning at home:

Date Affected	Is School Open?	What Will My Child Be Doing?	What is Occurring in School?
Thursday 18th October	No*	Learning from home. Links to identified websites will be provided and resource packs will be available for all subjects	Using this day as exceptional moving days to pack our resources, items and equipment ready to move into the New Building
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Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October	No	This is Half Term week	The movement of all our items and resources into the new building
Monday 30th October	No*	Learning from home. Links to identified websites will be provided and resource packs will be available for all subjects	The movement of all our items and resources into the new building
Tuesday 31st October	No*	Learning from home. Links to identified websites will be provided and resource packs will be available for all subjects	The unpacking of all our items and resources into the new building.
Wednesday 1st November	No*	Learning from home. Links to identified websites will be provided and resource packs will be available for all subjects	STAFF INSET DAY for ALL HARLINGTON STAFF - Staff training and Induction for health and safety in the New Building.
Thursday 2nd November	Partial*	Years 11, 10 and 9 will come into school during an identified 2 hour window, per year group. All other students will continue learning from home	A Health and Safety Induction and welcome into the new building for identified year groups.
Friday 3rd November	Partial*	Years 7, 8 & VI form will come into school during an identified 2 hour window, per year group. All other students will continue learning from home. All other students will continue to learn from home	A Health and Safety Induction and welcome into the new building for identified year groups.
Monday 6th November	Yes - Fully Open	All students return and continue their learning in the new building.	Class based learning, with their teachers, will recommence for all students

*According to uptake we are reviewing plans to accommodate identified groups in our current building. To minimize disruption we intend to accommodate the children of key workers, children who are looked after and those with an EHCP plan. This offer is for supervised study only and will be limited to a safe and manageable section of the current building.

KeyDates

Monday 4th September 2023

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Year 7 Induction Day

Wednesday 6th September 2023

All Year Groups In School

Thursday 7th September 2023

Year 12 Parents & Students Induction Evening

Thursday 14th September 2023

Photo Day

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Year 12 Army Day

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Year 6 into 7 Open Evening

Tuesday 29th September 2023

Year 13 Study Skills

Attendance

If a student is unable to attend school due to illness or other circumstances, please contact our school attendance officer, Mrs S Beech on 02085873505 or email her at sbeech@harlingtonschool.org

If the school has not heard from you, we will contact you to find out the reason for the absence - this may be done via Truancy Call.

On Wednesday of this week we took a group of students out to the University of Portsmouth Open Day.

It was a great, interesting and informative day out for the students.



I really enjoyed today's university event. It was very much worth it, and I'd rank it higher than the Oxford University visit because we got to pick the courses and it's more relevant to us individually.

I learnt so many new things, in radiography you get certain badges which track the amount of radiation you get exposed to, and these badges get replaced 4 times a year. I've also learnt that for third year of this course, you need to write up a dissertation which I didn't know before. I asked many questions, and I was also the only one who volunteered to control the equipment in the x-ray room (which is powered by AI) that was cool.

I went to two other talks as well, finance and accounting, as well as the talk for operating department practice. I prefer this over zoom webinars because for the 2 healthcare talks, I also had a tour of the departments with the technology and seeing it in person gave me motivation and excitement for the future.

It was a very busy day, but I had learnt quite a lot and the students had eased my worries for university in general, which was comforting.

Thank you for today!

Soea Akter, Year 12

Students from 7B2 enjoyed making their first ever Jet plane for their History - Industrial revolution project."



Army Day

We had an Army Day with the children who attended the Lake District Trip. We had a great day of team building and challenge activities aimed at developing cooperation and leadership skills.



Harlingtons Got Talent

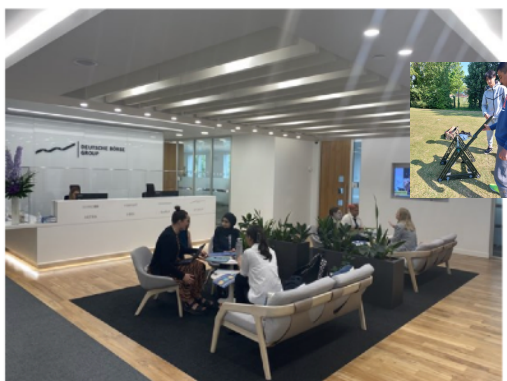


Future Frontiers

20 of our year 10s took part in the Future Frontiers Careers Programme in Canary Wharf. They were inspired by both the surroundings and members of a range of corporate companies. Our pupils represented themselves incredibly well and networked with business leaders, speaking about their future aspirations.

About Future Frontiers:

- It is an award-winning education charity; working with schools and businesses across the UK to provide a programme of coaching and access to professional role models to young people aged 14- 16.
- In the UK today, the income of the family you are born into is still the strongest indicator of where you will end up.
- They provide disadvantaged young people with the guidance, networks and opportunities they need to realise their potential at school and achieve post16 qualifications that build towards secure and fulfilling employment.



Kew Garden Trip

Tuesday 26th June 2023

On Tuesday 26th June, we took a group of our amazing Year 10 students on a trip to Kew Gardens trip where they explored Art through Nature. Kew Gardens is a place to visit in and protecting plants and fungi, for the wellbeing of people and the future of all life on Earth. The students were inspired in exploring the themes of faith and cultural exchange, through stunning contemporary sculptural work alongside intricate botanical paintings that reflect on the natural world. The trip was a beneficial and fun experience for our students.



Futures and Careers Programme Year 8 STEM Robotics workshop



It was fun Robotics and programming are something I take interest in so I found it fun.

I enjoyed it the student ambassador from Brunel university were really caring and they helped understand the task better

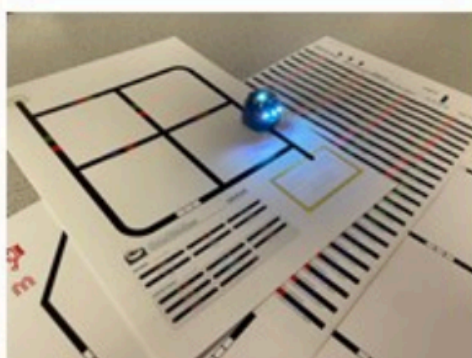


Year 8 students all took part in a Robotics STEM workshop facilitated by STEM ambassadors from Brunel University. As well as learning how to program and control the robots, students were also working on their problem-solving, creativity, team work and leadership skills



We used teamwork and improvised. Also used lots of techniques and used patience to master that. We learnt about a stem career a bit more too.

It was fun and interesting to see the students having to think outside the box



Students were engaged in both activities. The Ozobot allowed students to build on their computational thinking skills (problem solving). Similarly the and Sphero allowed students to engage in a different sort of way where they were able to use Ipads/IT devices to control the Sphero, which then turned into a fun game at the end! I would definitely recommend this experience to other students.

Year 12 Geography Residential Trip, 3rd - 7th July 2023



Arshia - Geography Enrichment Project

Arshia Kapoor 8D3 being supported by the LDD team during her Geography enrichment Project.

Arshia is an enthusiastic student who is always willing to get involved and it was amazing to see her present just like any other student in the group, using TOBI/Grid Box

