

WELCOME BACK!

END OF FIRST TERM WRAP UP & WELCOME TO
NEW TERM



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

As we reflect on the final weeks of last half term and begin an exciting new chapter this week, I am incredibly proud of the Harlington community and all that has been achieved. The past half term was marked by strong engagement, meaningful learning and a real sense of momentum across the school. Students embraced opportunities both in and beyond the classroom, and staff worked tirelessly to ensure every child was supported, challenged and encouraged to succeed.

Our core values of **Aspiration, Community and Diversity** have been evident throughout. We have seen aspiration in students setting high standards for themselves and striving to improve. We have seen community in the way students and staff have come together through events, assemblies, enrichment and celebration. We have seen diversity celebrated through voice, culture, talent and

LEADERBOARD

HOUSE POINTS

- 🏆 House 1 - Da Vinci
- 🥈 House 2 - Brunel
- 🥉 House 3 - Mandel

ATTENDANCE

- 🧑‍🎓 7B2 - 97.2%
- 🧑‍🎓 7D1 - 95.7%

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at' - Stephen Hawking

individuality, reminding us that Harlington is at its strongest when everyone feels seen and valued.

This week marks the beginning of a particularly special period in our school calendar. It is a time to celebrate achievements, create memories and strengthen the sense of belonging that underpins success. We are excited about what lies ahead and confident in the direction we are moving as a school. With our values guiding us, we look forward to continuing to build a positive, ambitious and inclusive environment where every child can thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership as we move forward together into the rest of the year.

National Awareness & School Highlights

Student Voice and Leadership

Student leadership has been a real strength this half term. Our School Council Cabinets across year groups have met regularly, with outstanding engagement and maturity shown by students representing their peers. Leadership training sessions, student-led announcements and council initiatives have reinforced the importance of student voice at Harlington.

A special well done to our Head Students and Deputy Head Students, whose professionalism and enthusiasm have set the tone for positive leadership across the school.



Awareness Weeks & Assemblies



This term, students have engaged thoughtfully in a range of national awareness events, including:

- **Black History Month**, celebrated through assemblies, curriculum links and creative competitions
- **World Mental Health Day**, marked by assemblies, wellbeing activities and a strong focus on kindness
- **Human Rights Week**, where students explored global rights, responsibility and respect
- **Children in Need**, which brought the school community together in colour, generosity and compassion

These moments have encouraged reflection, empathy and meaningful discussion across the school.

Head of Year at First-Term

Across all year groups, Heads of Year have reported: positive engagement in lessons, growing maturity and independence, strong participation in assemblies, trips and enrichment, improved attendance and behaviour in many cohorts, Students have shown kindness, resilience and pride in representing Harlington, and we thank families for reinforcing high expectations and positive habits.

Wellbeing Corner

Wellbeing continues to sit at the heart of our work at Harlington.

Throughout the half term, students have been encouraged to:

- talk openly about how they are feeling
- access support from trusted adults
- develop healthy routines around sleep, screen time and self-care

Our Wellbeing Team, SEND support services and external partners have worked closely with students and families, ensuring support is accessible and responsive. We thank parents and carers for working with us to reinforce these messages at home.

Sixth Form Spotlight

Our Sixth Form students continue to be outstanding role models within the school community. This half term, Year 12 students have:

- sat national examinations with maturity and focus
- taken part in leadership and volunteering initiatives, including the **Give Back Hour**
- represented the school positively through enrichment activities, workshops and sporting competitions

We are incredibly proud of their ambition, initiative and contribution to school life.

Spotlight on Achievement

By Vanja Jovanovic



We are proud of the many academic and personal successes celebrated this half term, including:

- excellent engagement with online learning platforms and homework clubs
- strong participation in Maths and Computing challenges
- students demonstrating exceptional commitment, consistency and progress in lessons

More from Sixth Form

Bake Sale Success! 🍰 We are delighted to share that our recent school bake sale raised **£60 for Hillingdon Food Bank**. Thanks to the generosity of our students and staff—both through delicious homemade treats and kind donations—we were able to support a vital local charity that helps families in our community. A big thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and supported the event. Your kindness truly makes a difference!

Head of Year Highlights

YEAR 7 - Happy New Year to my wonderful Year 7 team! It has been a pleasure welcoming our students back and hearing about their holiday adventures. Year 7 have returned wearing their uniform with pride and showing a positive attitude by trying their very best in lessons. This term, we are focusing on turning up every day, trying our best, and asking for help. As our students continue to grow in confidence and independence, we kindly ask for your support at home in encouraging them to speak up if they are unsure or if they are missing uniform or equipment. Communication is a vital life skill that they will need throughout their lives. A special congratulations goes to Sara Korichi, Aarav Dhillon and Eknoor Kaur for achieving over 800 positive points and earning a Gold Certificate—what an amazing achievement! Thank you for being on our team, and I hope you all have a fantastic year ahead.

YEAR 8 - Well done to all our Year 8s for another fantastic week – you’ve smashed it with over 3,500 house points! Great effort from everyone. A big shout-out to the Year 8 boys’ team who played against Barnhill this week. Even though the game ended in a loss, the team showed amazing courage and resilience, pushing right through to the final whistle. We’re really proud of you! Lastly, a huge congratulations to Tanish Malourutu (8B2) for winning a silver medal at the Borough Table Tennis Competition, a brilliant achievement! Keep up the great work, Year 8!

YEAR 9 - Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful holiday period and have started the year feeling refreshed and hopeful. Year 9 have kicked off the new term with a behaviour conference, where we reflected honestly on the behaviours that let us down last year and clearly outlined the changes and improvements needed to become the best versions of ourselves. Students are fully aware of the school rules, systems and routines, as well as the consequences linked to them. I urge you to support us in reinforcing these expectations at home, so that

Safeguarding Focus

The SORTED team will be hosting a parents' information session on cannabis. The session is open to all parents of secondary school children. Please see details below.

We know that parenting teenagers can be challenging—especially when it comes to navigating conversations around substances like cannabis. That’s why we’re inviting you to a special information session:

Let’s Talk About: Cannabis and Young People

Hosted by Emily Porter (Substance Misuse Worker) and Tracy Ritchie (Hidden Harm Counsellor) from the SORTED Team - Hillingdon Substance Misuse Programme

This session is designed to support you with:

- Clear, up-to-date information about substances young people may encounter- cannabis
- Practical strategies to help you care for yourself during difficult times
- Tools to rebuild open, honest communication with your child

Date: Tuesday 20th of January 2026

Time: 6:30PM – 8:00 PM

Venue: Civic Centre- Committee Room 6

Spaces are limited, so please register early using the form below or by contacting your child lead

together we can ensure our children reach their full potential by consistently adhering to these standards. Options Evening will soon be upon us, and if you have not already done so, please begin having conversations with your child about their aspirations for the future and the subjects that will help them achieve their goals. Students were left with the following quote to reflect on: *"Goals give you direction, but habits determine your destination."* Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

YEAR 10 - Happy New Year and welcome back to our fabulous Year 10 team! I hope you were all able to rest and recuperate over the Winter break and have returned to school ready to meet the challenges of the term ahead. Our high expectations regarding student effort and conduct were refreshed during our start of term behaviour conference at the start of the week; we reflected on the many achievements of last term but just as importantly looked forward at the importance of improving attendance and punctuality to ensure that all students are reaching their potential. I'm looking forward to seeing what you will all achieve this term!

Year 11 has had a motivating and positive first week back at school. On Monday, students opened their mock results during assembly, and it was wonderful to see so many of them receiving gold and platinum ties – a huge congratulations to you all; we are incredibly proud of your achievements. Next week is set to be an exciting one, with our Futures Day on Tuesday, where students will be off timetable and taking part in a range of workshops to support their next steps. A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 15th January and has now moved online, accessible via phone or laptop. Parents, please ensure you book your appointments with teachers as soon as possible before slots fill up. As always, our expectations remain the same: arriving on time, staying in lessons, and maximising every learning opportunity.

professional. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

SORTED TEAM

Substance Misuse and Misuse Programmers

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Looking Ahead

As we move into the next half of term, students can look forward to: further enrichment and reward opportunities, continued focus on learning, wellbeing and leadership, exciting events and celebrations as we progress through the school year. We look forward

to continuing our work together and thank you for your ongoing support.