



Harlington Weekly

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Message from the Headteacher

This has been another uplifting week at Harlington. Our students continue to show the very best of themselves, whether through their exceptional representation at borough competitions, their enthusiasm for enrichment activities, or their commitment to student leadership. The energy across the school has been remarkable, from the buzz of our full School Council Cabinet meeting to the outstanding achievements of our table tennis teams and the inspirational oracy work taking place in the Sixth Form.

Last week's INSET days were a significant moment for us as a staff body. Colleagues worked with real purpose to refine curriculum plans, strengthen sequencing, and sharpen our approach to high quality teaching. Their dedication ensures that every lesson continues to move our students forward, and I want to thank all staff for the professionalism and expertise they bring to this important work. Strong teaching is the backbone of strong outcomes, and our teams have shown exactly the level of commitment our students deserve.

As we enter the final two weeks of term, the atmosphere is both focused and celebratory. Students are working hard,

attending well and continuing to earn thousands of positive points, but there is also a real sense of excitement building. Our final week will be packed with whole-school events, including house competitions, scavenger hunts, reward activities, and special assemblies which will bring our community together and celebrate everything our students have achieved this term. It promises to be a memorable finish.

I am proud of how our students and staff continue to uphold our values of aspiration, community, and diversity. Let us maintain this momentum, finish strongly, and enjoy the wonderful opportunities ahead.

Quote of the Week: - What has many keys but can't open a lock?

Riddle of the Week: - "Awareness is the greatest agent for change." – Eckhart Tolle

National Awareness & Events – What an incredible start to our brand-new School Council Cabinet! This week, over 100 enthusiastic student leaders from Years 7–12 packed into our meeting room for our very first full council session and what a buzz it was! The atmosphere felt like Parliament meets Hogwarts: full of energy, packed with ideas, and brimming with students eager to make a difference. Our

school councils play a huge role in giving young people a voice and at Harlington, we've taken that tradition to the next level. With such a huge turnout and a packed agenda, our students wasted no time diving into meaningful discussions that will help shape the future of our school community. A huge thank you to every single member who showed up, contributed, listened, shared, and truly embodied what student leadership is all about. Your commitment to representing your peers is what will keep our school council thriving. A special shout-out to our fantastic student leadership team:

- ★ Aarush – Head Boy
- ★ Sara – Head Girl
- ★ Taran – Deputy Head Boy
- ★ Temi – Deputy Head Girl

Your guidance, professionalism and **infectious enthusiasm** set the tone for the entire meeting, and we couldn't be prouder! This is just the beginning. From student wellbeing to events, enrichment, inclusion, sustainability, community action, and everything in between, our School Council Cabinet is ready to leave its mark. Watch this space!

Harlington's student voice is alive, loud and ready to make positive change ☺



On **1st December 2025**, Form 7B2 went on an exciting trip to the **National Gallery**, marking the first time many of them had ever travelled into London or visited an art

gallery. The journey itself was full of anticipation, and the students were amazed as they stepped into the grand halls filled with world-famous paintings. Throughout the visit, they asked lots of in-depth questions about the artworks—wanting to know how old the paintings were, what materials and techniques the artists used, and the stories behind each piece. A highlight of the day was a hands-on workshop led by a knowledgeable member of the gallery staff, who showed them how artists worked and guided them as they created their own pieces inspired by what they had seen. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were able to fully connect with their creativity, exploring new ideas and expressing themselves through art.

Sporting's Great Achievements

This week we competed in the Borough Table Tennis competition at Oakwood School and walked away with several medals across the different age groups.

In the Key stage 3 competition, **Tanish Maluoroutu** (Year 8) took a Silver medal against a majority of Year 9's competing.

In the Key Stage 4 Girls Competition, **Ishna Haiber** (Year 11) took Gold without losing a game in the entire competition.

Finally, in the Key Stage 4 Boys Competition, an all Harlington final saw **Zibyan Alam** (Year 11) take Gold against **Aarush Garg** (Silver) with **Anoop Virk** taking the Bronze medal as well.

The boys and girl represented the school impeccably, showing that true Harlington spirit throughout.



Sixth Form Spotlight - Talk The Talk

Oracy Workshop We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity that recently took place in school—a dynamic, inspiring, and skill-building oracy workshop delivered by expert trainers from **Talk The Talk**. The aim of this special event was clear: to help our students **learn, improve, and showcase their communication skills**. Through expertly led discussions and engaging activities, students were guided to:

Reflect on their own unique life experiences
Recognise the valuable skills they already possess
Strengthen their confidence in speaking
Learn how to articulate their personal stories with clarity and impact
Understand their **employability value** and how to express it effectively
Talk The Talk's talented trainers created an energising atmosphere where every student was encouraged to participate, think deeply, and use their voice with purpose. The result? A noticeable boost in confidence, communication, and self-awareness across the group.

Student Champions: Celebrating Standout Participants A huge congratulations to our **standout champion students** of the workshop:

Malaika Mateen – Recognised for her thoughtful reflections, powerful self-expression, and exceptional growth in confidence throughout the session.

Logan Hinchon – Celebrated for his enthusiastic participation, clear communication, and impressive ability to articulate his strengths with maturity and insight.

Both Malaika and Logan demonstrated outstanding engagement and leadership, truly embodying the spirit of the workshop. We are incredibly proud of them!



Attendance Matters

Our attendance target: 96%+
Top Forms (Week 10): -

- 🏆 7B1 – 97.5%
- 🎉 8B2 – 95.8%

Strong attendance is essential for every child's success, and being in school every day makes a real difference to their progress, wellbeing and future opportunities. As we approach the holiday season, it is vital that students remain in school right up to the final day of term. Every lesson matters and every absence impacts learning. We ask all families to

support us by prioritising education and ensuring children are present, punctual and fully engaged in their learning.

House Points Leaderboard –

- 🟡 House 1 – Da Vinci
- 🟢 House 2 – Brunel
- 🟤 House 3 – Mandela

The race is on. Every positive TrackIt Lights point counts towards House glory, and every student has the power to make a difference. As one of our favourite reminders goes, *“Success is built on the small things you do consistently.”* Keep pushing, keep earning those points and keep lifting your House to the top.

Heads of Year Highlights

Year 7 – Ms Richards: As we approach the end of term, it is more important than ever to remember the key messages we have discussed in assembly and form time. Respecting each other's space, building healthy habits with our smartphones, and showing kindness – especially when we are feeling tired or overwhelmed—will help us all finish the term positively. Parents and guardians, your support with these conversations at home is genuinely appreciated. Remember, Year 7: we are all on the same team! A huge well done to **Seerat Singh (7M2)** and **Fatima Saad (7B1)** for receiving the most kindness cards this week—we are immensely proud of you both. I would also like to praise **Miyah (7S2)** for consistently showing grace and kindness. This week, Miyah offered to clear away litter from the canteen tables at lunchtime, even though it was not hers. Miyah, you are a credit to Harlington School, and I am proud to be your Year Leader. Let us enjoy the final two weeks of term - there is so much to look forward to as we prepare to celebrate you and all your achievements.

Year 8 – Mr O'Donoghue: 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 – Mr Boateng: As we approach the end of the school year, Year 9 students continue to make steady and encouraging progress. Many are beginning to hold themselves more accountable for both their behaviour and their learning, demonstrating growing maturity as they prepare for the next phase of their education. If you haven't already, I strongly encourage parents and carers to begin discussing future pathways and subject options with your child, supporting them to think about their interests, strengths, and what they may wish to pursue moving forward.

Year 10 – Ms Sargent: Over the last two weeks Year 10 have been looking for opportunities to recognise, and call out, acts of kindness from their peers and teachers. This initiative began during Anti-Bullying Week and culminated in the writing of Kindness cards that were then passed onto me as Head of Year. It has been an

absolute joy to read through these; what a wonderful, generous group of young people we have in Year 10!

My particular congratulations goes to Zunairah Ali and Lara Martini who received the highest number of Kindness cards and were recognised in this week's assembly, and a special shout-out to 10S1 and their tutor Mr Stoffberg for streaking ahead at the top of the Positive Points leaderboard with an astonishing 12,162!!

Year 11 – Ms Osamo-Wright: This week has been a positive one for Year 11 overall. Students have now received their November mock exam timetable, and it's essential that everyone attends school punctually to ensure exams run smoothly. As a year group, we have also been focusing on developing the skills needed to manage conflict peacefully, reminding ourselves that physical altercations are never acceptable and can have serious consequences. We're proud of the maturity many students have shown in handling challenges respectfully and setting a positive example for younger year groups. To end the week on a high note, 30 students with the most green points and the fewest lates or detentions will be rewarded with a special film afternoon on Friday 24th October during periods 6 and 7 — the lucky names will be revealed in assembly!