



Issue 9 | Week Commencing: 3rd of November 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back After Half Term

I hope you all had a restful half term break and that your families are refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

As we return to school, I wanted to take a moment to share some positive updates and express our gratitude for your continued partnership.

Looking Ahead: Curriculum Developments

We're pleased to share that Harlington School is already well-positioned as we look ahead to proposed government curriculum changes. Our current curriculum design and delivery align closely with the direction of travel for the new Relationships and Sex Education guidance (due to be introduced in September 2026 and the Curriculum review proposals for 2028). We remain committed to providing age-appropriate, high-quality broad education that prepares our students for life in modern Britain and globally. We will continue to keep you informed as further details emerge.

Thank You for Your Feedback

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parents' evening survey and the 2026/27 School Calendar Proposal Survey. Your responses and comments are invaluable in helping us

shape our provision to best meet the needs of our school community. We're currently reviewing all feedback carefully, and we'll be updating you with our findings and any resulting actions in due course. Your voice truly matters, and we're grateful for the time you've taken to share your views.

Remembrance Day

As we head into Remembrance Day this week, we'll be taking time as a school community to reflect on and honor the sacrifices made by those who gave their lives so that we could live in freedom. This is an important moment for our students to understand the value of peace, respect, and gratitude. Thank you for your support in helping us mark this significant occasion with the dignity it deserves.

Remember it is a time we reflect on the sacrifices of all those who gave the best of themselves and sacrificed their lives on behalf of our own. If you know, within your family history, of members who fought for allied forces, across any nation you may be able to find their final resting location on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website. It is free and easy to use site and commemorates the lives lost by identifying the location of the graves and last resting places for our war dead. [Find war dead | War graves search | CWGC](#).

Moving Forward Together

The partnership between home and school is at the heart of everything we do at Harlington School. Thank you for your ongoing support, engagement, and trust. Together, we continue to create the best possible environment for our students to thrive.

Wishing you all a positive and productive week ahead.

Assembly Spotlight Theme –

We had a fantastic start to the half term with assemblies led by the **Metropolitan Police** and the **London Fire Brigade**, focusing on the importance of **staying safe outside of school**.

Both teams spoke powerfully about key issues affecting young people today. The police raised awareness of the dangers of being approached by strangers who may seek to influence or entrap them over time, helping students recognise the warning signs and know how to respond safely.

The London Fire Brigade also delivered an important message about **firework safety**, reminding students of the potential risks and how to enjoy celebrations responsibly.

It was an informative and impactful start to the term, equipping our students with the knowledge and confidence to make safe choices in the community.

BBC Bitesize Careers Tour Visits Harlington

On **Friday 7th November**, we had the pleasure of welcoming the **BBC** to Harlington School as part of their **BBC Bitesize Careers Tour**. Over **1,000 students** had the opportunity to hear from a range of inspiring professionals who shared valuable insights into their career journeys.

It was fantastic to see our students so engaged, asking thoughtful questions, showing real curiosity, and gaining answers that will undoubtedly have a **lasting impact** on their future choices.

Events like this remind us how powerful exposure to real-world experiences can be in helping our young people **aspire, plan, and achieve** their goals.



Black History Month School Production – A Harlington Celebration!

In the final week before half term, our **Black History Month production** lit up the stage with an unforgettable celebration of **dance, music, role play and storytelling**. The show honoured the remarkable contributions of Black individuals throughout history and perfectly reflected our Harlington values of **Aspiration, Community and Diversity**.

Selected students from KS3 and KS4 enjoyed the live performance, with the atmosphere in the hall absolutely electric. From powerful drama to toe-tapping music (thanks to our brilliant **Staff Band**), every moment was filled with pride and purpose.

The production, filmed by **Mr Sanga**, will be screened soon for the whole school. A huge thank you to our talented **student performers, Ms Wilson, Mr Wilde, Ms Basco** and the entire **Performing Arts Team** for bringing history to life in such a spectacular way.

Harlington School Celebrated Diwali in style!



On the final Friday before half term, we began our **Diwali celebrations** at Harlington, a joyful reminder of the Festival of Lights and the message of **good triumphing over evil**. The school was filled with colour, warmth and community spirit as students and staff came together to mark this special occasion.

Break and lunchtime saw sweet and savoury treats, henna art, and vibrant decorations, all led by our fantastic **Student Council and House Captains**, with support from Miss Jayaraj, Ms Paul, Mr and Mrs Neta, Ms Rahman, Ms Akhtar and the Science Technicians.

Diwali celebrates light, kindness and unity, and our school truly embodied these values. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to share traditions, learn from one another, and celebrate the diversity that makes Harlington such a special place.

Quote of the Week: *"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes."* – Gandhi

Riddle of the Week: I go up but never come down. What am I?

The Mathematics Department is delighted to introduce the Maths Support Clinic, led by Dr. D. Kaur, to help KS3 and KS4 students with homework and challenging topics. This initiative aims to strengthen mathematical understanding and improve homework completion — reflected in the recent

national increase in Sparx participation from 63% to 74%. Students are encouraged to attend their allocated sessions to complete work, seek guidance, and enhance progress without the need for detentions.

Schedule:

- Wed: Year 7 & 8 — 12:30–12:50 pm
- Thu: Year 9 & 10 — 12:10–12:30 pm
- Fri: Year 11 & GCSE Retakes — 12:10–12:30 pm

We'll be keeping a close eye on the leaderboard from now on!

Each week, the top three KS3 and KS4 students with the highest XP will have their names entered into the Magic Box! 📦

During the December assembly, we'll draw names from the Magic Box and reward the top three KS3 and KS4 students with special prizes:

- 🏆 A Badge
- 💷 A £10 voucher
- 🏃 A 20HP boost

Make sure you complete your work on time and keep earning those XP points to climb the leaderboard!

I'll also be sharing the top names in the weekly newsletter, so keep an eye out — your name could be next! 👁️ ✨

Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!

Safeguarding Focus -

Keeping Safe online
Fake news, facts and questions guide
What parents need to know

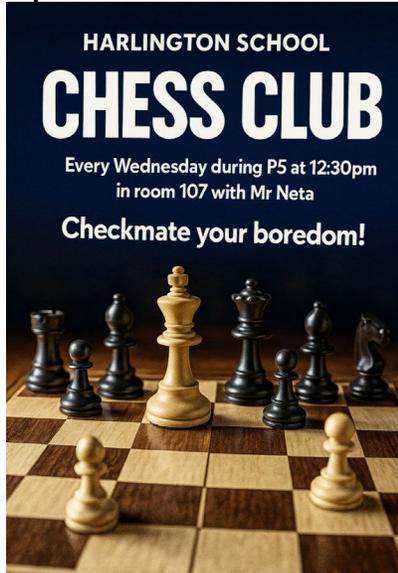
Learn how to help children recognise fake news, misinformation, and AI-generated content. Explore simple tips, family activities, and tools to build their media literacy.

Use the link below to download a useful

guide to help you support your child as they use the internet to gather information.

[Helping children spot fake news and misinformation](#)

Tips for Parents:



Anti-Bullying Week: Power for Good

Next week, beginning **Monday 10th November**, marks the start of **Anti-Bullying Week**. The theme for this year is **"Power for Good"**, focusing on how every one of us can play a part in making our school community a kinder, more inclusive place.

Throughout the week, students will be learning about what bullying is, how to respond if they witness or experience it, and how they can use their **power for good** to help prevent it. They'll also explore how small acts of kindness can make a big difference to others.

To launch the week and celebrate our school's diversity, we'll be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday**. Students are invited to wear their usual school uniform, along with **odd socks worn over the top**,

as a fun reminder that our differences make us unique.

We look forward to seeing a colourful array of odd socks around school as we come together to celebrate kindness, respect, and unity.

Watch the official Anti-Bullying Week video

here: [*Power for Good*](#)

