



Issue 13 Week Commencing: 08th of December 2025

Message from the Headteacher

As we move into the final full week of term, I am delighted to share just how exciting and purposeful the days ahead will be for our students. The coming week is truly fun packed and has been carefully planned with one clear message at its heart: our children matter, and every day in school counts.

We have a fantastic programme lined up, including whole school scavenger hunts, extended form time with high quality and creative activities, and whole school assemblies that bring our community together. A real highlight will be our Winter Concert on Wednesday, where talented performers from across all year groups will take to the stage. Alongside this, there is so much more planned to ensure students finish the term feeling valued, inspired and connected.

It was fantastic to see all students come together to enjoy their Christmas dinners. Sitting together to strengthen relationships, build a sense of belonging and remind us that school is about more than lessons alone. Seeing students and staff come together in this way was genuinely special and reflected the warmth, care and togetherness that defines our school community.

I have also been incredibly proud of what our students and staff have achieved recently. Our Human Rights focus prompted thoughtful discussion, strong student voice and a clear commitment to kindness, respect and responsibility across the school. Our Year 11

Student Council Cabinet demonstrated real maturity during their leadership training and team building sessions, setting a powerful example for others to follow. We have seen excellent academic commitment through initiatives such as the Maths Sparx challenge, celebrated the appointment of our Youth Health Champions, and enjoyed the impact of enriching curriculum experiences, sporting events and trips that bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

With so much happening, it is vital that students are in school every day to fully benefit from both the learning and the shared experiences that make school life meaningful. Attendance remains a priority, particularly as we approach the festive period, and we ask for your continued support in ensuring students are present and punctual right up to the end of term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to an energetic, positive and memorable final week for all our children.

Quote of the Week: - *"What you do today can improve all your tomorrows."* – Ralph Marston

Riddle of the Week: - What comes at the end of everything?

National Awareness & Events – Human Rights Week at Harlington: *Learning, Leading & Living Our Values...*

This week, Harlington School came alive with powerful conversations, inspiring stories and big ideas as we celebrated Human Rights Week across form time and assemblies. From global perspectives to everyday school life, our students explored what it truly means to respect, protect and champion the rights of others.

We kicked off the week by diving into the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, discovering how these 30 articles shape the world we live in. Students explored real stories of courage — including the inspiring journey of Malala Yousafzai, whose determination for education and equality continues to motivate young people around the world. Throughout the week, **members of our School Council** led whole-school announcements, shining a spotlight on everyday human rights and reminding us how our words, choices and actions can make a huge difference. On Human Rights Day, we were honoured to have Ms. Pearce-Kelly address our school community with a powerful message about kindness, responsibility, and our shared humanity. We also looked at the incredible work of organisations like the Red Cross and Amnesty International, linking their global missions to our own school values of Aspiration, Community and Diversity. Together, we explored how each of us can **“live out” these values with kindness** - in our classrooms, corridors, and friendships.

To deepen the learning, students were invited to take part in an activity: *“Think of one right that matters to you... and one behaviour you can use to protect it.”* From the right to education, to the right to be safe, our students reflected thoughtfully on how small positive actions can uphold big principles. Human Rights Week has reminded us that kindness and respect isn't just a rule - it's a responsibility. At Harlington, our young people are proving every day that they are ready to lead with courage and kindness.

A powerful week for a powerful message 😊

Attendance Matters -

Our attendance target: 96%+
Top Forms (Week 13): -

- 🏆 7B2 – 97.2%

- 🌈 7D1 – 95.7%

As we move closer to the holiday period, it becomes even more important that students remain fully committed to their learning by being in school every day. Strong attendance is not a box-ticking exercise. It is one of the clearest indicators of success, wellbeing and long-term opportunity for every child.

The final weeks of term are purposeful and carefully planned. Learning is consolidated, gaps are closed and important routines are reinforced. Missing these days has a direct impact, not just academically but socially and emotionally too. Every lesson counts and lost time cannot be recovered.

We ask all families to work in partnership with us by prioritising attendance, ensuring students arrive on time and are ready to engage right up to the final day of term. Your support sends a powerful message to children that education matters, consistency matters and their future matters.

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.

The momentum is building across the Houses. Last week's Winter House Games showed exactly what teamwork, commitment and healthy competition look like, with students earning valuable points for their House. That energy continues into next week, with the House competitions of the Spelling Bee and Family Fortunes offering a brilliant opportunity to gain ground and climb the ladder. Every positive choice, every point earned, and every effort made counts. Progress is not accidental; it is the result of consistent actions done well. Stay focused, back your House and keep pushing for the top.

Student Voice from the Council - Year 11 School Council Cabinet: Leadership Training and Team Building in Action.

Our brilliant Year 11 School Council Cabinet met again this week, and what a session it was! While school councils across the country are known for giving students a voice, our Year 11s took things one step further, diving headfirst into a dynamic afternoon of leadership coaching, team-building and professional training.

From trust challenges to problem-solving tasks, to leadership reflections inspired by national student leadership frameworks, our superb Year 11s showed exactly why they are such a strong force within the school. We are so PROUD! The room was packed with energy, laughter, teamwork, and plenty of lightbulb moments as students learned more about themselves, each other, and what great student leadership really looks like. A huge thank you to every single Year 11 council member for showing up with enthusiasm, getting fully involved, stepping outside your comfort zones and being actively present throughout. Your maturity, confidence, and willingness to grow, make you unstoppable.

The future of student leadership at Harlington is bright. We are laying out the foundation – this is just the beginning, and our Year 11 Cabinet is **leading the way** with passion, purpose and plenty of personality.

Watch this space... our next generation of leaders are just getting warmed-up 🙌



Math Sparx Leaderboard Competition(Ks3/Ks4)- Dr D Kaur

I am pleased to share the results of our **Math Sparx Leaderboard Competition**, which has

been running for the past **five weeks** for both **KS3 and KS4**. Each week, the top three students earned a place in the competition by demonstrating exceptional effort, consistency, and dedication to their Sparx leaderboard.

We are delighted to announce our **overall top winners** for this half-term:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Trisha OYOMBR A	Tajve er Bedi	Snehpre et Kaur	Sachlee n kaur	Arrusan SRITHAR AN

These students have gone above and beyond, showing outstanding commitment to their learning. As a recognition of their hard work, they will each receive a **medal, and a £10 voucher -during their upcoming Assembly kindly provided by Math department.** your effort and persistence are truly appreciated, and we encourage everyone to continue engaging with Sparx to build strong mathematical skills.

Teaching & Learning Focus - SEND Homework Club

Our SEND Homework Club runs every Monday after school in Room 152. It's a supportive, relaxed space where students can get help with homework, stay organised, and build confidence in their learning. All SEND students are warmly welcome to join us!

Spotlight on Students - Youth Health Champions: A Fantastic Start to Their New Roles

A huge **congratulations** to our newly appointed Youth Health Champions: Maryan Mohsan, Olivia Dos Santos, Nishaan Matharu, Yusuf Nor, Ayaan Iqbal, Agostinho Mendes, Moniba Razzaq, Yaswinyai Krishnaruban, Raynan Pires, Gurshan Chandi and Sanjot Puaar.

These students successfully completed a competitive interview process to secure their positions, and we also want to say a big well done to everyone who applied but was not successful this time, the standard was incredibly high, and we are proud of all who showed interest.

Our Youth Health Champions recently took part in an intense yet highly informative two-day

training programme to begin their journeys in these important roles. They heard from a range of health organisations that will be partnering with our school to support students with a variety of wellbeing needs. A highlight of the sessions included a talk from the Director of Public Health for Hillingdon, where students had the opportunity to ask insightful and important questions.

Our YHCs will now begin working on impactful health campaigns. You'll be hearing more from them in assemblies, form time and across the school as they help champion wellbeing within our community.



On Monday 8th December, Year 7D2 had an amazing day, visiting The National Gallery. Marking the first time many of them had ever travelled into London or visited an art gallery. The journey was filled with excitement, and the students were amazed as they stepped into the grand halls lined with world-famous paintings. This trip formed an important part of their Art curriculum, giving them the chance to appreciate and analyse the work of other artists, as well as respond to the artworks in practical and creative ways. They explored a wide range of pieces and selected paintings, sculptures and prints that inspired them. It was both a valuable and enjoyable experience for all involved. A big thank you to Ms Trenhaile and Mr Antalika for their support on the trip. Miss Kandi



I am pleased to share an outstanding end-of-term update regarding our Year 8 Computer Science cohort. This term has seen remarkable engagement, consistency, and achievement across the group, with notable highlights demonstrated by four students in particular: **Abdi, Prabhi, Faizan, and Eva.**

Over the past several weeks, these students have successfully developed and tested three fully functioning Python programs entirely from scratch:

- A **speed converter**, where the user inputs distance and time, and the program calculates the resulting speed
- A **temperature converter**, converting Celsius to Fahrenheit using correct computational logic
- A **grade-book system**, using user input to determine grades based on programmed criteria

Their ability to apply programming structures, handle variables, perform arithmetic operations, and generate accurate outputs represents a significant step forward in computational thinking and problem-solving at KS3 level.

In addition to their technical development, the class has maintained an excellent **99% homework completion rate**, demonstrating consistent effort and independence throughout the term. I am also pleased to confirm that we have successfully completed **two full units of work**, meeting and exceeding curriculum expectations.

When you see these students around the school, I kindly ask that you congratulate them on their

exceptional progress and professional attitude—they have truly earned it.



Sixth Form Spotlight - Year 12 Inter-Form 5-A-Side Football Tournament – Match Report

Last Tuesday, Year 12 took to the astro for a fast-paced and highly competitive 5-a-side football tournament. With every form putting forward their strongest squads, the afternoon delivered plenty of goals, drama, teamwork, and brilliant sportsmanship.

After a series of closely fought group matches and a nail-biting knockout stage, it was **Kaylen Lawes' team** who emerged victorious. Captaining with confidence and composure, **Super Kaylen** led his side through tough challenges, keeping morale high and setting the standard with his determination and tactical awareness.

The final proved thrilling from start to finish, with both teams displaying impressive skill and energy. However, Kaylen's squad held their nerve, securing a well-deserved win in a golden goal round and lifting the Year 12 Inter-Form trophy.

A huge well done to all participants for their effort and enthusiasm throughout the tournament. Congratulations once again to **Kaylen Lawes and the winning team**—a superb performance worthy of the title!



Heads of Year Highlights

Year 7 – Ms Richards:

Through strong attendance, positive choices and a genuine sense of pride, Year 7 have shown real aspiration, strengthened our community and respected the diversity of our school. They have made an exceptional start to their Harlington journey. “Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.” – Robert Collier

Year 8 – Mr O'Donoghue: What a fantastic week for Year 8! All 240 of you came together to enjoy a wonderful Christmas Dinner, and it was brilliant to see the hall filled with smiles, laughter, and festive cheer. Events like this remind us how important it is to come together as a school family, supporting each other, celebrating together, and enjoying the true spirit of Christmas.

A big shout-out also goes to the Year 8 Girls' Football Team. Even though the match against Queensmead didn't go our way, the team showed amazing character and resilience. You kept fighting right to the final whistle, encouraged each other throughout, and represented Harlington brilliantly.

Well done, Year 8 — for your energy, your teamwork, and for making this week feel truly special.

Year 9 – Mr Boateng: With one final week to go until the end of the school year, it is encouraging to see Year 9 moving in the right direction after what was, at times, a challenging start. Together,

we have navigated both ups and downs, but each moment has shaped growth—academically, socially, and emotionally. Students have shown resilience, learned from their mistakes, and demonstrated a stronger sense of togetherness as the year has progressed.

We also have an exciting final week planned, filled with opportunities for students to reflect, celebrate, and finish the year well. Please ensure your child is in school every day, ready to learn, engage, and participate fully.

Thank you for your continuous support throughout the year—it has made a significant difference, and I look forward to building this progress together

Year 10 – Ms Sargent: This week has seen the start of festive events across the school; Year 10 had a fantastic time at their Christmas dinner on Wednesday which was complete with Christmas crackers and raffle prizes, and followed this up with some fierce competition at the Winter house games on Thursday! It has been great to see students across the forms mixing together and enjoying these events in the lead up to the holidays. I'm looking forward to celebrating the huge range of student achievements in our rewards assembly next week.

My shout-out to form of the week goes to 10D1, who have hit the top of the positive points leaderboard with an incredible 13,577 points! A fantastic achievement!

Year 11 – Mr Kelleher: The main focus for Year 11s this week was on Mock Exam feedback. Students have been working through their papers in class, and have been responding to feedback from their teachers concerning their areas for improvement. In addition, another 40 of our students had an excellent trip to Brunel University on Thursday, where they had a

chance to tour the campus and gain a better understanding of what life at university looks like. As the final week approaches, we want to encourage all our students to ensure they are arriving punctually to school each day, so that they can enjoy the fantastic final week we have planned for them.