

SETTLING BACK IN

Learning in full swing



HARLINGTON WEEKLY



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been an excellent start to the term, and I would like to congratulate our students on the positive way they have returned to school with focus, energy and pride.

Attendance is vitally important; being in school every day sets the foundation for success, strong routines and high expectations, and it is encouraging to see so many students embracing this fresh start. I would like to encourage all students to continue this strong momentum and keep striving to do their very best as the term progresses.

I also extend my sincere thanks to all the adults who support our young people every day, including our dedicated staff, parents and carers, and the wider community. Your collective commitment and partnership make a real difference, and together we continue to create a school environment where every student can thrive.

LEADERBOARD

HOUSE POINTS

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

ATTENDANCE

- 🏆 7B2 - 97.2%
- 🥈 7D1 - 95.7%

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." Nelson Mandela

National Awareness & School Highlights

Inspiration and New Beginnings

Our school community came together to celebrate a series of meaningful global moments, all tied together by powerful messages of reflection, resilience, and renewal.

The message of '*seeing the unseen*' was explored in assemblies, where the focus was firmly on New Beginnings - what this means for us as individuals, and how we grow together as a connected school community. Our fabulous Senior Prefects, representing the School Council Cabinet, played a key role by reinforcing this inspirational theme through daily whole-school announcements, reminding everyone that KINDNESS, resilience and belief in ourselves truly matter. Students were also encouraged to think about **"Seeing the Unseen"** – recognising hidden strengths in ourselves and others—and took part in a reflective activity, centred on three powerful actions for 2026:

- RESET
- REFOCUS
- RESTART – all with kindness at heart.

It's been a thoughtful, uplifting and motivating start to the year, setting a positive tone for the months ahead. A wonderful reminder that small KIND actions can lead to big change 😊

Safeguarding Focus

Just a reminder that we offer Breakfast Club every day from 7.30am. This is a free service and open to all students. We offer freshly toasted bagels, a range of cereals and fresh fruit. Please encourage your child to attend and have a good start to the day..

Wellbeing Corner

Sixth Form Spotlight

We're delighted to share that Swella Landez has been selected for the Sutton Trust

Apprenticeship Programme. This highly competitive programme supports talented individuals by providing access to professional networks, mentoring, and career development opportunities. Swella's selection is a fantastic achievement and a testament to their hard work and potential. We look forward to seeing how they progress through the programme!

Our Year 12 students were excellent in supporting staff during Year 11 Futures Day. A huge thank you to Isabella, Shain and Rayan for their enthusiasm, professionalism and willingness to help make the day a success. Your support was greatly appreciated!

Spotlight on Achievement

Well done to the pupils below who competed in the KS3 borough badminton tournament to the 13th of January

Sudit Rana - came third in the seed A competition

Dhillon Sethi - came third in the seed b competition

Darran Luis - came third in the doubles with his partner Teofil Gawrys



Quote of the Week

What flies forever, rests never?

Head of Year Highlights

YEAR 7 - Year 7 have made a fantastic start this week, arriving on time, trying their best and confidently asking for help when needed. On Wednesday, Year 7 took part in the **Your Life, You Choose** workshop, a multi-agency programme delivered across the London Borough of Hillingdon and surrounding areas. The workshop aims to deter young people from crime by raising awareness of the consequences of the choices they make, using engaging and interactive activities specifically designed for Year 7 students. The providers were extremely impressed with our students' excellent behaviour and were particularly pleased with the thoughtful questions they asked. This clearly shows that we have a curious, focused, and highly engaged year group. Well done Year 7 - I am extremely proud of you. We kindly ask parents and carers to continue conversations at home around phone safety and healthy online habits if your child has access to a smartphone or the internet, as there have been a small number of incidents this week which we hope students will learn from.

YEAR 8 - Year 8 have enjoyed another highly positive week, earning an impressive **8,582 positive points**. This is a fantastic achievement and shows the strong momentum the year group is building as we move into the new term. Students have continued to demonstrate excellent attitudes to learning and a real commitment to our school values. A special mention goes to **Dhillon Sethi (8B2)**, who represented the school at the borough badminton tournament. Competing against Year 9 students, Dhillon performed exceptionally well and came away with a bronze medal, a brilliant accomplishment and a real credit to his determination and skill. Well done to all of Year 8 for another successful week.

YEAR 9 - Year 9 have had a positive week overall, and we are pleased with the progress being made. However, we now need to focus on being more consistent throughout the entire week. Consistency is key to helping us reach our full potential and achieve our goals. During PSHE this

Student Voice from the School Council

Senior Prefects in Action: Leading with Purpose.

This week, our Senior Prefects came together for another energetic and forward-thinking meeting, showcasing exactly what student leadership looks like in action. The team discussed a wide range of exciting initiatives including House Events designed to build healthy competition, connecting assemblies to our weekly themes during Form, meaningful ways to continue supporting our four chosen school charities, ensuring fundraising has real purpose and impact. They also explored how to improve communication across the school, making sure student voice is heard clearly and consistently. Planning is already underway for key events such as Prom, with students taking ownership and learning valuable organisational skills along the way.

Beyond the school gates, our Senior Prefects are keen to strengthen community links, working with local businesses and primary schools through projects such as the Tree Council, helping to promote environmental responsibility and community pride. Importantly, the team are also looking ahead to seeking ideas from younger students during Form, launching peer mentoring, and supporting learning by working alongside, and teaching younger students in our school library - a powerful way to build confidence,

week, students began discussions around future pathways and subject options, encouraging them to think about what they would like to study and the careers they may wish to pursue. From 22nd, curriculum leaders will be speaking to students about their subjects and explaining why they should consider them as options. We kindly ask that you continue these conversations at home to support your child in making informed decisions about their future. Massive shoutout to 9D2 for dethroning 9S1 as top form in year 9 how long can you keep the crown. Thank you for your continued support in working with the school to raise standards and ensure our students become the best versions of themselves.

YEAR 10 - This winter term can prove challenging for our wellbeing and mood - cold weather, dark mornings and getting into the swing of things after the Christmas holidays isn't easy for anyone, making positive routines at home all the more important. This week I'm encouraging all students to reflect on their organisation of uniform and equipment, use of screen time and bedtime routines to help make sure that they stay healthy and energised throughout the term. My special shout-out this week goes to the form with the highest attendance so far this term- congratulations to 10S1 and their form tutor Mr Stoffberg!

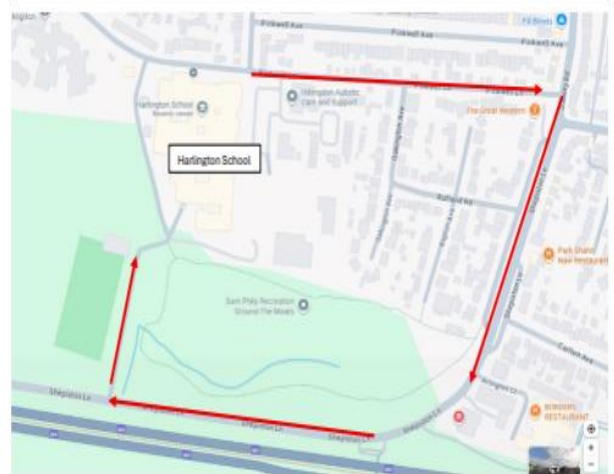
YEAR 11 - Year 11 have had a highly productive week, with a strong focus on future pathways during our Futures Day on Tuesday. External providers gave glowing feedback about the year group, praising students' engagement, maturity and ambition - well done, Year 11. Several students made outstanding progress during their mock interviews and will be receiving letters of commendation in the post. A big thank you to all parents and carers who attended our first virtual Parents' Evening; we hope you found the information shared insightful and supportive. Looking ahead, Sixth Form interviews will be taking place over the next two weeks, with individual times communicated in advance. We look forward to welcoming our future Sixth Form students very soon.

leadership skills and positive role modelling for everyone. It's inspiring to see our Senior Prefects leading with maturity, creativity and **KINDNESS**, already making a real difference to everyday school life.

We're excited to see these ideas



Polite Notice: Parking



Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

We have noticed an increase in the number of parents seeking to drop off and collect their children from the front of school. As a reminder, we politely ask all parents not to enter our front car park or stop on Pinkwell Lane but instead use the entry point at the rear of our school.

This is for logistical and safety reasons:

We have community transport who drop off and collect students and the minibuses are unable to exit the car park due to the amount of congestion. **We also feel the amount of traffic poses a significant health and safety risk to our children, staff and members of the public.**

We therefore ask all parents to drop off and collect students from the rear of the school which can be accessed via the GOALS entrance on Shepiston Lane.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Looking Ahead

As we move through January, students will continue to settle back into routines following the Christmas break. The coming weeks will focus on consistent attendance, positive behaviour, and strong engagement in learning.

