

HARINGTON LINK





Welcome

Last term was a busy and exciting one at Harington, full of trips, visits, and guest speakers. Students visited Jump Giants, the careers fair at King Power Stadium, a Hamlet performance, and a French theatre production.

Our football team played two tournament matches—winning 7–1 against Lutterworth College and narrowly losing 2–1 to Brooke House, a football academy in Market Harborough.

We also welcomed a range of visitors. Scott Bridgwood led an oil painting workshop, Alicia Kearns (MP) spoke with students about Rutland's ceremonial status and Dr Julian Barwell visited our DocSoc. OddBalls gave assemblies on testicular cancer awareness, and students joined a Wuthering Heights drama workshop with Toilethorpe Youth Drama.

Last term also saw our **Ofsted** inspection. I'm delighted to report that Harington continues to be rated Outstanding.

I am proud of the entire Harington community. Our staff deliver exceptional learning experiences, and students are described as "respectful, highly motivated, and hardworking." Parents are supportive and engaged. Harington is a truly special school. As one student told the inspector, "Harington is shaping who I am and who I want to be."

Alongside excellent exam results and destinations, inspectors praised our rich enrichment programme, including trips, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Young Enterprise, DocSoc, and GreenPower, as well as our careers provision and outstanding teaching.

Thank you for your continued support.

Oliver Teasel
Head of School





Harington students take on Greenpower Challenge

Greenpower is a UK charity that promotes STEM education through electric car racing. Harington School's Year 12 team is competing in the F24+ category with their two cars, Vector and Scalar.

Taking part in Greenpower allows students to gain hands-on engineering experience while also developing management and finance skills in a fully student-led project. Now in its fourth year, the team aims to improve on last year's ranking of 25th overall and 10th in class, while also completing their scratch-built car, Scalar.

As the team relies entirely on sponsorship, support is vital. Sponsors will have their branding on the cars, receive race updates, and help inspire future engineers from Rutland.





YOUNG ENTERPRISE TEAMS



Road Refresh

Road Refresh, a young enterprise team, sold out of their affordable car cleaning bundles at the Oakham Spring Market, impressing customers with their quality and professionalism. Their success highlights the potential of youth-led businesses.



Wildflower Wishes

The Wildflower Wishes Young Enterprise team had a fantastic sales event at English Martyrs Catholic Voluntary Academy, selling nearly all their stock to enthusiastic customers.

Students and staff showed great support, making the event a huge success. The team was thrilled with the outcome and grateful for the encouragement.





DofE Gold Practice expedition:

During the Easter break Year 12 students from Harington School were busy practising for their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's qualifying expedition in an extremely hot Wales. The teams travelled to the Elan Valley area of the Cambrian Mountains in Mid Wales, where they successfully completed the expedition over 4 days and 3 nights. Students typically journeyed for 8 hours each day unaccompanied and self-sufficient.

The aim of the Expedition section is to inspire young people to develop initiative and a spirit of adventure and discovery by planning, training and completing an adventurous independent journey as part of a team. The remote environment and challenging weather definitely tested both teams. Standards and expectations are set extremely high at this level and the students definitely met them, showing outstanding resilience and teamwork.



DOFE GOLD AWARD QUALIFYING PROGRAMME: 13-17 JULY 2025

Date	Activity	Overnight location
DAY 1 Sunday 13 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive Expedition base camp – mid afternoon Meet staff, course briefing & site tour Equipment checks Set up camp & cook dinner 	
DAY 2 Monday 14 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day two of Gold expedition Groups are met en route and remotely supervised by instructors. 	Expedition campsite 1
DAY 3 Tuesday 15 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day three of Gold expedition Groups are met en route and remotely supervised by instructors. 	Expedition campsite 2
DAY 4 Wednesday 16 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day four of Gold expedition Groups are met en route and remotely supervised by instructors. 	Expedition campsite 3
DAY 5 Thursday 17 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day five of Gold expedition Finish and debrief with expedition staff Equipment return 	Home!



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Alumnus spotlight Eleanor Bland 2015-2017

From School to Set - A Journey in Filmmaking

We are excited to share the inspiring journey of one of our talented alumnae, Eleanor, who is making great strides in television and videography. Now in her second year as a camera trainee and B Camera loader on the BBC show *Silent Witness*, she has gained invaluable experience on set, learning resilience through long 12-hour days and expanding her technical skills in the camera department.

In addition to her work on *Silent Witness*, she is building a successful freelance videography career, working with prestigious hotels like The Ritz London and L'Oscar Boutique Hotel in Holborn. As a camera assistant for Plesca Films, she helps with lighting, shot composition, and sometimes shoots footage.

She is also working on her own projects, creating promotional content for local businesses. A recent collaboration with a café in London resulted in a series of successful Instagram videos.

Looking ahead, she plans to continue her career as a camera trainee, aspiring to work on high-end TV productions and transition into film.

"It's been an incredible journey so far. I'm excited for what the future holds as I continue to grow and learn in the industry."



Left: Eleanor on the set of *Silent Witness*



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Hamlet theatre trip

From Shakespeare's birthplace to a brilliant production of Hamlet, our day in Stratford was unforgettable. Students explored his father's workshop, brought Hamlet's words to life in a workshop, and watched a gripping performance set on a tilting ship, symbolising Elsinore's corruption. Thank you to Mrs le Hair & Mr Franklin for a fantastic trip.



Apprenticeships & Careers

Catmose College recently hosted an annual Apprenticeship & Careers Event, welcoming a wide range of employers, universities, and training providers. Harington students explored future opportunities in employment, education, and apprenticeships.



Year 12 university fair

Supporting students in their post-18 exploration is a key part of the Harington experience. In early March, Year 12 students attended the UK Search Fair at the King Power stadium. They met with a range of apprenticeship providers, universities and employers, and attended seminars. We hope that this event aided students in choosing the right next step for them.



Spring Concert

We were delighted to welcome parents, guardians, and family members into the theatre for this year's Spring Concert. The evening showcased a fantastic variety of musical performances.

From orchestral pieces and choral arrangements to solo performances, the event highlighted students' incredible talent and dedication. It was a wonderful celebration of their hard work, and we sincerely thank everyone who attended to support and enjoy the performances.





How to revise: revision tips from high-achieving students

Read Examiners' Reports

Don't just guess what examiners want—read their reports. They literally tell you what they are looking for.

Check Past Papers

Past papers help you get used to the question styles and wording, so nothing catches you off guard.

Be Prepared

Don't skip topics and hope for the best. Grab the syllabus and tick things off as you go.

Make It Manageable

Revision can feel overwhelming, so break it down into smaller chunks—it makes a huge difference.

Don't Rely on Cramming

Revise as you go. If you wait until the last minute, it won't stick.

Create a Plan

A revision timetable stops you from wasting time figuring out what to study. Plan ahead, and you will thank yourself later.

Year 12 students launch affordable online tutoring service

Year 12 student George launched The Revise Guys, an online tutoring service aimed at helping GCSE students excel in their exams.

George and his team, all high-achieving students who secured top grades in their GCSEs, have developed effective revision techniques and exam strategies. Now, they're sharing their insights through affordable, high-quality tutoring sessions for just £10 an hour.

"Our sessions cover key topics and exam techniques that helped us achieve outstanding results," says George. **"Even one session can transform the way you approach exams."**

Visit thereviseguys.com, to book.



GEORGE'S TOP 5 STUDY TIPS:

- 1** Stop procrastinating – just do it, the more time that you spend thinking about it, the harder that it becomes.
- 2** Don't waste time on flashy revision resources—use online tools and teacher materials to save time and avoid merely copying information.
- 3** Use your subject specifications – only learn the necessary information, making your revision more manageable and efficient.
- 4** Active recall – the best method of revision is always to read something, memorise it, and then repeat it without looking. This commits it to your long-term memory.
- 5** Past paper questions – ensure you are getting in plenty of practice because this will guarantee that you not only know the information, but that you can also apply it to questions.



Boys rugby team

Harington School hit the rugby field for the first time, taking on Ratcliffe College in a series of friendly 7s matches! Both teams brought great energy, with some fantastic tries scored all around. Huge thanks to Stonegate Rugby Club for providing our kit.



Jump Giants trip

Students had an amazing time at Jump Giants in Loughborough during their Friday enrichment!

National Team Milano Gymnastics Competition

Huge congratulations to the Harington U19 Mixed Team, Jack, Orla, and Gracie, for their fantastic performance at the National Team Milano Gymnastics Competition in Stoke-on-Trent this weekend. After being crowned East Midlands champions, they rightfully earned their place in this prestigious final. The team delivered impressive individual floor and vault routines, along with a well-executed group performance. Their hard work and dedication paid off, earning them a well-deserved silver medal for the Regional Score—an incredible achievement! A special mention goes to Gracie, as this marks her final gymnastics competition. Having been a key member of both the Catmose and Harington teams, her presence will be greatly missed.





Year 12 and 13 Oddballs assemblies



Leicester University's Oddballs Foundation rep, Liam Selwyn, visited Harington to raise awareness about testicular cancer. Speaking to Year 12 and 13, he stressed the importance of self-checks and early diagnosis, as young men are most at risk. Liam also highlighted ways students can support fundraising efforts. It was great to see Harington students engaged in such an important talk, taking in vital health advice that could save lives.



Alicia Kearns MP visit

We were delighted to welcome Alicia Kearns MP, where she spoke with the Harington Senate about the apolitical petition to save Rutland's ceremonial county status.

Our students engaged in a thought-provoking discussion and asked fantastic questions.

A huge thank you to Alicia Kearns for taking the time to speak with us.



French Theatre Trip

French A level students enjoyed an amazing opportunity to see *Le petit prince* at The London Coliseum. The show, based on St Exupéry's famous novel, was in French with amazing dance, music and special effects.



Oil painting workshop

Our Year 12 A level art, craft & design students took part in an inspiring oil painting workshop with professional artist Scott Bridgwood.

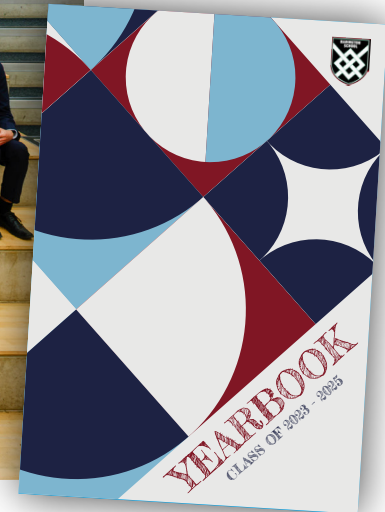
For many, it was their first time using oils, exploring colour mixing, composition, and the use of complementary colours to create depth and shadows. They produced stunning still-life pieces featuring fruit, jugs, and vases, learning how to balance hard and soft edges for a harmonious effect. This hands-on experience will be invaluable for their A level coursework and future art studies. A fantastic opportunity to learn from a professional and expand their portfolio.





Yearbook

Year 13 had their group photo taken for the Harington Yearbook.





MAY 2025

Friday 9	Non-uniform day
Friday 16	Geography Field Trip
Friday 23	Term 5. School closes

JUNE 2025

Monday 2	Term 6. School opens
Friday 20	Year 12 Sheringham Residential
Tuesday 24-25	Induction days

JULY 2025

Wednesday 2	Year 13 formal
Friday 4	Sports day
Wednesday 9	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Kit Checklist
Wednesday 9	Year 12 Jerusalem V&A Museum Trip
Friday 11	Term 6. School closes
Sunday 13-17	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Qualifying Expedition



Illustration: Sophie Stuart-Jones, Year 12



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