



WELCOME BOOKLET 2025-2026

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WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



It is my pleasure to offer you a warm welcome to Harington School. We are incredibly proud of the School and are delighted that you have chosen to continue your studies with us.

We are an academic sixth form with a proven track record of delivering strong results at A Level. Each year, around 30% of grades awarded are A*/A, and over 85% are A*-C. However, there is far more to Harington School than academic results. Our students benefit from a high-quality pastoral system, a wide range of extracurricular and super-curricular opportunities, and tailored careers advice. As a result, they go on to attend the very best universities and secure degree-level apprenticeships.

At Harington, we expect a lot from our learners. Our students are mature, hardworking and, despite their many successes, remarkably modest. They support one another and take full advantage of everything the School has to offer.

In addition to A level studies, all students take part in our Academic Enrichment Programme, which provides exposure to a wide range of careers, including design, engineering, law, psychology, teaching, business, cyber-security and coaching, as well as valuable volunteering and work experience opportunities. Students can also choose to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the musical scholarship programme, or leadership and sports opportunities.

Each year, around 80% of our students choose to go to university, with over 45% securing places at Russell Group institutions and a significant number progressing to Oxbridge or courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary science. Others have gone on to secure competitive apprenticeships and rewarding careers. Through our strong UCAS and careers programme we ensure that all students receive top-tier guidance.

Above all, we help our students grow in confidence and fulfil their true potential. By becoming a student at Harington, you will be joining a caring community where your achievements will be recognised and celebrated. As one student said to the lead inspector, during our recent "Outstanding" Ofsted inspection 'Harington is shaping who I am and who I want to be'".

My door is always open. Best wishes as you begin this exciting new chapter.

Oliver Teasel
Head of School

SCHOOL LIFE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

THE SCHOOL DAY

With the exception of Wednesday, our School day begins at 8.40am and finishes at 3.40pm. Students are required to register at Reception in the morning and afternoon sessions using their ID cards. Registers

will also be taken for all timetabled lessons. Where timetabling permits, all lessons are taught across 3 double lessons and 1 triple session block. You will be provided with your timetable on the first day of term.

STANDARD DAY		WEDNESDAY	
8.40 - 09.50	Lesson 1	8.40 - 9.50	Lesson 1
9.50 - 11.00	Lesson 2	9.50 - 11.00	Lesson 2
9.50 - 11.00	Break	11.00- 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.20	Lesson 3	11.15 - 12.20	Lesson 3
12.20 - 1.10	Lesson 4A	12.20 - 1.00	Lunch
1.10 - 1.35	Lunch	1.00 - 1.10	Registration
2.05 - 2.35	Tutor Time or Assembly	1.10 - 2.40	Academic Enrichment
2.35 - 3.40	Lesson 4B		

On a Friday the afternoon session is allocated to wellbeing activities for all of Year 12 and Year 13. Students should register between 2.00pm and 2.15pm. Wellbeing activities begin after this.

DRESS CODE

At Harington, we believe smart dress fosters pride and a sense of belonging. As a sixth form preparing you for professional life, we expect all students to wear clothing suitable for a traditional UK office environment. This means avoiding anything short, revealing, or overly tight.

The dress code applies when travelling to and from School. It aims to be formal yet comfortable, offering flexibility while avoiding pressure to keep up with fashion trends.

Students should appear professional and take pride in their appearance. The full dress code policy is available on our website.

Jackets must be worn between lessons, during assemblies, and when using Catmose College facilities. They can be removed during lessons or private study.

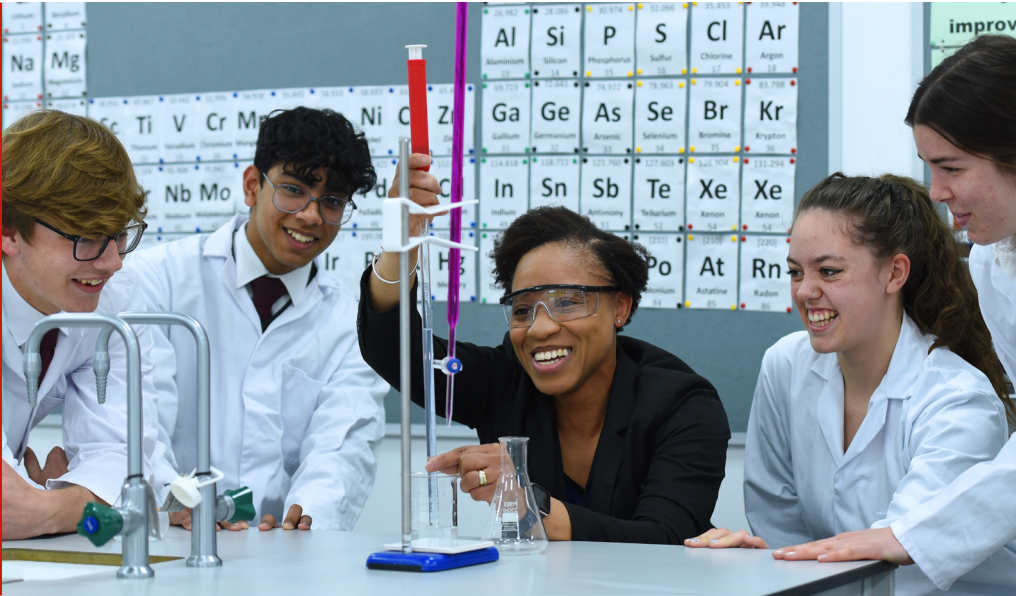
For Friday wellbeing sessions and Wednesday volunteering, students must wear the Harington sports top, available at deco-uniforms.com



SCHOOL LIFE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

START OF TERM

The first day of term will be Thursday 28 August 2025. You will need to report to the School Reception for 8.40am for your welcome assembly. This day will include an opportunity to meet with your tutor, receive your timetable and start your A level courses. The day will finish at 3.40pm.



ASSEMBLIES

Once a week each year group will take part in an assembly. These are held in the Heart Space. Students are expected to arrive wearing their jackets and leave bags and folders in their lockers.

IT & DEVICES

Students may bring phones and laptops at their own risk. Network login details will be shared in the first week. A few laptops are available in the upstairs study area. Please return them after use.

Printing credits are provided automatically. Only print what is needed, in black and white unless the subject requires otherwise. Ask your teacher if you need more credit.

For IT help, contact ITSUPPORT@catmosecollege.com.

SCHOOL CALENDAR



The School provides an up-to-date calendar with all important dates, available on our website. You can easily access it using the link <https://www.haringtonschool.com/events/> or QR code.



ID CARDS

Every student will be issued with a student ID card, which will need to be carried at all times in order to:

- access the building and register in the morning;
- travel on the buses;
- pay for food in the restaurant and Orangery;
- move between Harington and Catmose College;
- print from any School computer;
- be clearly identified as a member of Harington School for public exams.

The card will be issued free of charge but if lost or damaged, a replacement card will need to be purchased via our website at a cost of £5. This is to cover the administrative and production costs of issuing a new card.

ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR PRIVATE STUDY TIME

Ask any student who has successfully completed their A levels, and they will tell you how crucial it is to use private study time wisely. At Harington, we encourage all students to make this time as productive as possible.

This might include:

- Reviewing and consolidating your lesson notes
- Reading more deeply around your subject areas
- Practising skills or techniques you have learned in class
- Exploring future university or career options

You are free to work in any room that is not currently being used for a lesson. Dedicated study spaces include:

- Upstairs Private Study area – ideal for quiet discussions and group work
- Downstairs Private Study area – for quiet, focused study
- The Library – a silent study zone

In some cases, if it is felt to support your progress, you may be asked to work in a supervised study area.

PREP & INDEPENDENT STUDY

Your teachers will regularly assign prep to support your learning. If no specific prep is set for a particular lesson, you're encouraged to use the time to review previous work, consolidate your understanding, or get ahead on upcoming topics.

All prep will be recorded on our online platform, Show My Homework. Login details will be provided during your first week of term.

INTERVENTION

During your A level journey, there may be times when certain aspects of the course feel more challenging. When this happens, it's important to collaborate with your subject teachers to ensure you fully understand the material and don't fall behind. Our teaching staff may recommend that you retake assessments or attend extra intervention sessions. Please take advantage of these opportunities to support your learning.

EQUIPMENT, TEXTBOOKS AND CLOTHING

Please [click here](#) to view the list of equipment we recommend students purchase for each course. There is no requirement to buy textbooks for your A level subjects, but many students find it helpful to have their own copies for annotation.

When you start at Harington School, you will need to have a Harington sports top. These are worn during wellbeing activities, volunteering, and occasionally on trips. They cost £23 each and will be available to purchase online. Sizing samples will be available on results day.

Students who identify as male are expected to wear a Harington tie. This will be provided on results day, and £8 will be charged to your Parent Pay account.



ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS



THE LIBRARY

You will find the Library in Oxford, located towards the back of the School. It is a quiet and comfortable space, perfect for private study and making the most of our collection of reference books.

Please note that the Library is for reference use only. Books should not be taken out and must be returned to their proper place after use.

We always welcome suggestions for new subject books, so feel free to share any recommendations with us.

THE VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (VLE)

Each student receives a unique login and password to access the School's secure computer system. The VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) is their homepage, where they can view timetables and homework.

The School website (www.haringtonschool.com) is the best source for up-to-date information, including:

- School policies
- Show My Homework
- Weather updates (e.g. snow closures)
- The latest issue of Harington Link (newsletter)

Parents and guardians can also stay informed through our regularly updated Facebook page (facebook.com/haringtonschool) and Instagram account (instagram.com/haringtonschool_oakham), featuring news, photos, and student achievements.

TUTORIAL PROGRAMME

As part of your academic experience, you will participate in our comprehensive tutorial programme, which forms a key component of your weekly timetable. This programme offers a diverse range of activities designed to support your personal development and academic growth. You will engage in topics covering PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic education), current affairs, work-related learning, and effective strategies to help you succeed in your studies.

Active participation in the tutorial programme is a mandatory aspect of your education, and it is expected that you will fully engage with each session. These sessions are designed to enhance your academic skills and equip you with essential life skills for the future.

In Term 1, all students will undertake and present the Harington Challenge. This is an exciting and valuable opportunity for you to develop your independent research skills. It also serves as an excellent introduction to the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), providing a solid foundation for future academic work.

For a detailed overview of the PSHE programme and its contents, please visit our website.



SCHOOL CATERING



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To help keep our learning spaces clean and comfortable for everyone, we kindly ask that students refrain from eating inside the Harington building.

For meals and snacks, you are welcome to use the Restaurant and the Orangery, both open during break and lunchtime.

- The Restaurant offers a wide selection of hot, cold, and vegetarian meals.
- The Orangery provides a quicker option, serving pasta, pizza, paninis, and a variety of drinks.

If you prefer to eat off-site, students are allowed to leave the premises at lunchtime, provided they sign out at Reception using their ID card.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please visit our website via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/75fasz3K0F> to complete the Free School Meal application form.



EXTRACURRICULAR

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Every Wednesday afternoon, Year 12 students will take part in an academic enrichment programme. These sessions are designed to provide dedicated time for exploring career-related learning, with a focus on opportunities such as volunteering. This initiative aims to help students develop valuable skills and insights for their future careers. For more detailed information about our annual programme, please visit our website.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

On Friday afternoons, Year 12 students engage in various non-academic activities, such as football, basketball, netball, badminton, music, community charity work, running, and Caribbean cooking. Sports participants must wear the official Harington sports kit (top, black leggings/shorts). Music students may store their equipment in the music room at their own risk.

WORK EXPERIENCE

We offer self-placed work experience opportunities for students, with a maximum of five days per academic year. All placements must be arranged in advance, with prior approval from both parents and the work experience provider. Additionally, the necessary checks will be carried out by the School. Work experience request forms are available at reception.

THE SCHOOL SENATE

The School Senate is dedicated to representing the voices of students across our school. Meeting each term, the Senate is made up of one elected member from every tutor group, as well as the Head Students who lead the discussions. The Senate focuses on a variety of important areas, including rewards, mental health and wellbeing, the Pledge Passport, and promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion.



EXTRACURRICULAR



TRIPS AND VISITS

Trips and visits are an integral part of the student experience. Each year, we challenge our teaching staff to organise at least one trip per subject, and they consistently exceed expectations. We offer a variety of trips, including both residential and day trips that are designed to enhance your learning and provide unforgettable experiences.

Some trips are directly linked to the curriculum. For instance, Geography and Biology students take part in residential trips as part of their courses. History students have the opportunity to visit Auschwitz as part

of their study of the Holocaust. Our modern language students (French and Spanish) enjoy biannual trips to Paris and Barcelona.

In addition to curriculum-based trips, we organise a wide range of day trips, such as attending theatre productions with English, or visiting the Space Museum with our physics students.

We also offer exciting, non-curricular trips for pure enjoyment. Recent highlights include World Challenge Expeditions to Malaysia, Ski trips to Italy, and swimming (of sorts) at the Aqua Park in Rutland.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a highly regarded national programme that we strongly encourage all students to explore. Currently, the Gold Award is particularly popular, with around 50 students participating each year, although the Silver Award is also available if that suits you better. There is no requirement to have completed the Bronze Award before starting the scheme. The key elements of the award include; volunteering, developing new skills, and undertaking an expedition. These activities help to cultivate a broad range of valuable skills, which is why the Duke of Edinburgh's Award has remained a popular choice for so many years.

MUSIC AND DRAMA LESSONS

Lessons are scheduled during the school day, with specialist teachers, making it convenient for families. Learning an instrument provides the opportunity to join the School's ensemble groups and participate in extracurricular events. It can also help reduce stress, boost confidence, and develop new friendships.

For further information please refer to <https://www.haringtonschool.com/music-and-drama/> or email instrumental@rutlandfederation.com

STAYING CONNECTED AND INFORMED

COMMUNICATION

We use a variety of communication methods to stay in touch with both you and your parents throughout the year. At the start of the year, you will be given a Harington email address, which follows the format: 24jsmith@haringtonschool.com. This email will be used to send you important reminders, promote school events, and share information from our external partners, such as summer schools and conferences.

In addition to email, we use several other ways to keep you informed:

- **Electronic Noticeboards:** Located around the school, these display important reminders and announcements.
- **Social Media:** We celebrate the achievements of our students by posting on our Facebook page (Harington School) and Instagram (HaringtonSchool_Oakham).
- **School Website:** Visit (www.haringtonschool.com) for additional information, including term dates, and to download absence request forms.

We are committed to ensuring you and your parents are well informed and connected throughout the school year.

BURSARIES

Harington is pleased to be able to offer some modest discretionary bursaries to support students in their learning.

For information about Bursaries offered please visit the School website: www.haringtonschool.com/bursaries/

PARENTPAY

We operate a cashless system for all transactions. On your first day, you will receive a letter containing your ParentPay login details and instructions on how to load money onto your card for food and drink items. The card can be credited with a minimum of £10 and a maximum of £250. ParentPay is also used for the following:

- Purchasing books
- Paying for School trips
- Making other online payments related to school activities

We hope this system makes the experience smooth and convenient.

GROUPCALL EDUSPOT

We use an e-communications system which enables us to send information quickly and efficiently to your parents/guardians' smartphone/tablet, and allows them to send messages directly to us, as well as notify us of any absence. After your first day at Harington please encourage your parents to download the Groupcall Eduspot app, and login using the details we have on file for them. For help or further information please email office@haringtonschool.com



STAYING CONNECTED AND INFORMED

REPORTS

Target Setting

At A level, targets are set based on your GCSE results, typically reflecting the top 10-25% of students in each subject. Most students will have targets within the A*-C range, but these can be adjusted based on your individual university or post-18 course aspirations. Targets are personal, and we encourage you to set your own goals in line with your future ambitions.

Assessment

Regular assessments are carried out under exam conditions, primarily using past paper questions. All students following the same course will complete the same assessments. In addition to these, Year 12 will sit a mock exam in Term 6. These assessments are designed to simulate the structure and demands of the final exams, helping to prepare you thoroughly for the end of the course.

Reporting

Reports will be sent home after each assessment, providing your current grade, predicted grade (for the end of the course), and effort/preparation scores. Parents will be invited to two progress evenings and a settling-in meeting with your tutor. The reports use colour coding to show whether you are meeting, exceeding, or falling short of your targets, offering a clear view of your progress. Reports and appointments for progress evenings can be accessed/made via Edulink.

ATTENDANCE

Arrive on time and remain on site unless prior approval from the Head of School is given. Attend all lessons, tutorials, enrichment, activities, and private study. Swipe your ID card at the Reception desk to register attendance in the morning and after lunch.

Unplanned Absence

Parents or guardians must inform the school before 8.40am by email (office@haringtonschool.com) or Eduspot, stating the reason. The Head of School authorises absences, and any absence without a reason will be unauthorised. If absent, contact your teacher to catch up on work.

Planned Absence

Submit a written absence request form 10 days in advance for approval. Acceptable reasons include:

- Hospital appointments that cannot be rescheduled
- Funeral of a relative
- Participation in school events (academic, music, sport)
- Post-18 career interviews
- Driving tests
- Planned work experience during private study

University open days may be attended during the week if weekend visits are not possible. Driving lessons are not permitted during School time. Absence request forms are available at Reception or on the website.

Absences can only be authorised in exceptional cases, following DfE guidelines. Requests must be submitted at least 10 working days in advance and cannot be authorised retrospectively or for cost reasons.

HOW TO MAKE CONTACT

Harington School, Catmose Campus, Huntsmans Drive, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6RP
Tel: 01572 772579

General enquiries: office@haringtonschool.com

Finance (Trips/Bursaries/Free School Meals/ParentPay): finance@catmosecollege.com

Student Absence: office@haringtonschool.com

IT support (Edulink/SatchelOne): ITSUPPORT@catmosecollege.com

USEFUL LINKS

Term Dates: <https://www.haringtonschool.com/term-dates/>

Policies: <https://www.haringtonschool.com/policies/>

Transport: <https://www.haringtonschool.com/transport/>

You can find out more about life at Harington School via our social media accounts;

Facebook: facebook.com/HaringtonSchool

Instagram: Instagram.com/haringtonschool_oakham

Tik Tok: tiktok.com/@harington_school_oakham

PARENTAL & STUDENT LINKS

Apps will be available for download after students begin.



Eduspot

edulinkone



ParentPay