

HARINGTON LINK





Welcome

We may only have been back at school for 60 days this academic year, but we have achieved an awful lot in this short space of time. We have welcomed 192 new Year 12 students to the school, hosted our first-ever Autumn Ball (which was attended by 200 students), ran a Battlefields trip to Belgium, made donations to the Rutland Foodbank and the Young Minds charity, and competed in the Greenpower International Finals for the fourth year in a row.

On a personal note, I was lucky enough to take part in the 44th Robin Hood Half Marathon on Sunday 28 September 2025 and managed a personal best time of 1:25:18 hours. This was almost three minutes faster than the time I recorded in 2024. I have been a runner for most of my life, but over the last two years my love affair with running has grown — so much so that running is no longer a nicety; it is a necessity. It is a core part of my identity.

According to the eminent American author Daniel H. Pink, the reason I find running so addictive is that it gives me three key things:

Mastery – I believe I can get better, whether that be next week, next month, or next year.

Autonomy – I get to choose the races I enter, the training programmes I follow, the routes I take, and who I run with.

Purpose – I am curious to see just how fast I can go. I also want to protect my long-term health and fitness.

I believe students at Harington experience something very similar when it comes to their studies. They embrace the challenges that A levels provide (mastery), they make effective use of private study time and the extensive extra-curricular opportunities (autonomy), and they set themselves ambitious goals (purpose). For me, the MAP acronym explains why our students are so successful.

In this issue of the Harington Link, you can read about their engagement with the DofE Gold Award, inter-house competitions, student leadership, and sports. When it comes to building character and making a positive difference, these are the things that really matter.

Oliver Teasel
Head of School





Harington students take on Greenpower Challenge

Congratulations to our Greenpower v4.0 team! The team showed incredible spirit and engineering know-how throughout the Greenpower racing challenge at Goodwood recently. Even when the electron pump gave out on the final lap, their determination and teamwork never missed a beat.

It was a memorable experience and a brilliant example of months of hard work, creativity, and collaboration. Well done to everyone involved. A fantastic achievement!

We wish the current Greenpower Challenge team success as they focus on their A level exams. Recruitment for the new Harington Greenpower Team (version 5.0) will start next term. If you think you might be interested in supporting our new Year 12 team, please contact: office@haringtonschool.com





Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Expedition

Students had a busy few months organising and participating in their Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition. The Cambrian Mountains in Wales provided a superb venue for the Gold qualifying expedition, allowing students to feel the real remoteness and unfamiliar environment of the wild countryside. On arrival at Base Camp in Llanidloes they settled in and prepared their equipment before embarking on their four-day and three-night expedition. At this level, expectations are very high and all the students coped extremely well, sharing unforgettable experiences in the outdoor environment, developing initiative, teamwork, leadership, problem solving and organisational skills. Over the duration of the expedition teams showed outstanding resilience, typically covering distances of 50 – 60 miles and finishing on the coast of Borth.

Well done to all of our students that took part. During their DofE journey over the last 12 months, students have shown so many of their hidden talents and have gained so many practical skills and new experiences. Building self-esteem and friendships were considered by our students to be some of the main benefits of participating in our DofE programme. It has also given them a spirit of adventure and the desire to seek out and engage with new and different activities.





Alumnus spotlight Alex Moretto 2017-2019

From A levels to the DJ booth

After completing A levels in French, Spanish, and Psychology in 2019, Alex, one of our Harington alumni moved to London to study Music Production & Sound Engineering at Point Blank Music School, launching a career in electronic music.

He credits Harington with providing the structure and support to stay focused while exploring his creative passions. "That balance gave me the confidence to pursue music seriously," he says.

Since then, he's released original tracks and remixes on respected dance labels, earned airtime on BBC Music Introducing and BBC Radio Leicester, and performed live at venues including Ministry of Sound and XOYO. He's currently signed to a DJ agency, playing at clubs across London and teaching part-time in Old Street.

Next up? Festival gigs, new music releases, and even bigger stages. We are proud to see where his creativity and courage are taking him.

"Harington gave me the structure and support I needed to stay focused, with the freedom to pursue my own goals. That mix really helped me find the confidence to follow a creative path after leaving. "



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Senior Leadership Team 2025/2026

"I am delighted to announce our Head Students and Deputy Head Students for the new academic year. We had a large number of applications this year which made our decision even more challenging.

All applicants completed a one-minute video, attended an interview and took part in a group discussions.

Congratulations to Hannah and George who have been appointed as Head Students together with Sam, Tahliya, Daniel and Laura as Deputy Head Students. I am sure they will make an excellent team."

Oliver Teasel, Head of School





Mercedes work experience

Marcus in Year 13, completed a week's work experience with Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains in Brixworth.

Working in the Advanced Technology Test and Build team, Marcus got hands-on with mechanical engineering projects, from CAD designs to real-world builds. He contributed to work on electric motors for a new supercar, the 1000km solid state battery for the Mercedes EQE, and even F1 engines used in the Mercedes AMG One.

Marcus says: "When it came to choosing a sixth form, I picked Harington for the Greenpower team. I wanted to deepen my understanding of mechanical engineering and get practical experience. What really made the difference, though, was the supportive community that pushes you to aim higher."



Sport Success

Well done to the Harington rugby team for a fantastic display of teamwork and commitment in their friendly against Oakham School's 3rd team.

The game was played in great spirit with strong support from the crowd throughout.

Huge thanks to Oakham School for hosting, and to Stoneygate Rugby Club for providing the team kit.



Year 12 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

In July, a group of Year 12 students completed the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. This competition aims to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry, providing an excellent experience for anyone considering studying the subject beyond A level. It encourages students to think about science in the way they would at university. Well done to all our participants.



Careers Fair

Year 12 students took part in the annual My Future Careers Fair, where they explored a wide range of career and education opportunities. The event brought together 36 organisations, including employers, training providers, and for the first time, volunteering groups. The students made the most of the chance to engage with interactive stands, ask questions, and gain valuable insight into their future pathways.



Rubik's cube competition

The House Rubik's Cube Competition saw some intense focus and impressive solving under pressure. Students from Years 12 and 13 competed with speed and precision, making for a close and exciting event. Congratulations to our top finishers: in the Year 13 group, 1st place went to Lewis, 2nd to Charlotte, and 3rd to Nanditha; in the Year 12 group, 1st place went to Daniel, 2nd to Charlie, and 3rd to Nathan. Well done to all who took part and contributed to a great competition.



YEAR 12 & 13 HOUSE COMPETITIONS



House scramble

The energy at the House scramble was great, the competition was strong, and it was amazing to see so much school spirit.

House shout

The winner of this year's House Shout were the Navigators. Led by their conductor Mr Raine and wearing fancy dress, they produced a sensational version of the Zutons and Amy Winehouse hit Valerie. Aces snatched second place with the Backstreet Boys classic 'I want it that way'. Congratulations to all Year 12 students, you did yourself proud.



Cup stacking

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Year 12 cup stacking house competition. The results were:

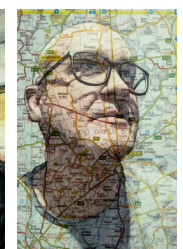
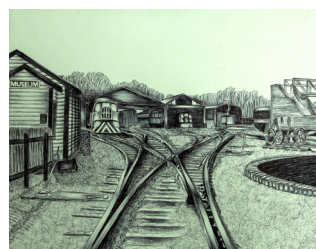
- 1st Place: Ngozi – Originals House
- 2nd Place: Tristan – Thunder House
- 3rd Place: Holland – Aces House

Well done to all competitors for their incredible speed, focus, and teamwork.



A level art, craft & design

We are delighted to share a few examples of our previous A level artwork created by students for their portfolios this year.





A level results day

Students at Harington School celebrated another year of outstanding A level results, with over 30% of all grades awarded at A*/A and well over 80% at A*-C. This is in line with the strong outcomes achieved in 2024, but with an improvement in the number of students achieving the very top grades. Five students achieved A*A*A* and a further thirty-one students achieved the equivalent of AAA or better.

Students secured places at the most competitive universities in the country, including Oxford and Cambridge, and six students went on to study medicine or veterinary science.

The most popular universities amongst Harington students include: University of Nottingham, The University of Sheffield, University of York, University of Liverpool, The University of Manchester, University of Exeter, Loughborough University, University of Birmingham, Durham University and Lancaster University.

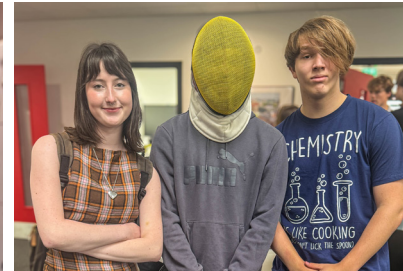
Mr Teasel said, "I am so proud of all our students and their achievements. Over the last two years everyone has worked incredibly hard and it is no surprise that the results are so strong. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Harington for going the extra mile and our parents for their constant support. Students are leaving Harington to pursue a diverse range of courses at some of the top universities and employers in the country. I am just delighted that Harington School has played a part in their journey"

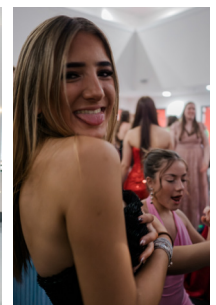




Wear it yellow

We wore yellow and bright clothing to support YoungMinds and raise awareness for young people's mental health.





Autumn Ball 2025

The Autumn Ball for Year 12 and 13 students was a great success, with an evening of pizza, dancing, and live music from a fantastic band.





NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 3	Term 2. School opens
Tuesday 11	Open Evening 6pm-8pm
Tuesday 18	Year 12 & 13 Cinema trip
Thursday 20	Year 13 progress evening
Tuesday 25	Biology in Action
Wednesday 26- Saturday 29	Year 12 & 13 French Exchange

DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday 3	Taster sessions
Friday 5	Advent calendar donations
Friday 5	Year 12 & 13 Jump Giants trip
Tuesday 9	Year 13 Imperial War Museum trip
Thursday 11	Year 12 Progress Evening
Tuesday 16	Presentation Evening. Christmas Reunion for previous Year 13 students
Wednesday 17	Christmas Concert
Friday 19	Term 2. School closes

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5	Term 3. School opens
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FEBRUARY 2026

Monday 2-13	Year 13 mock exams
Saturday 7-8	DofE Gold Award training
Friday 13	Term 3. School closes
Monday 23	Term 4. School opens
Friday 27 to March 3	Year 12 & 13 Malaga trip



Sculptures: Rosie & Lucy



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