

HARINGTON LINK





Welcome

Harington School has enjoyed a really positive start to 2026 and now that we are in February, where the days are becoming longer and lighter, there is a renewed sense of energy around the school. This edition is packed with updates from across our community, reflecting the commitment, curiosity and enthusiasm which makes Harington so special.

You can read about the recent trips to the Battlefields and the Imperial War Museum. We also share highlights from the French Exchange, an annual opportunity that always brings valuable cultural and linguistic experiences.

Our GreenPower Team V5.0 has made excellent progress, and we are pleased to bring you the latest on their development work and preparations for the season ahead. This edition also celebrates the achievements of former students: Maisie (Harington Student 2020–2022), who has recently qualified as a Paediatric Nurse, and Hayden, who returned to give a careers talk on the Royal Navy.

Over the next few months, our focus will turn increasingly towards supporting Year 13 as they prepare for their final A level examinations, ensuring they feel confident and well-equipped for the challenges ahead.

We hope you enjoy this edition and the chance to catch up on the many exciting things happening at Harington School.

Oliver Teasel
Head of School





Battlefields Trip

Harington History students completed their British Experience of Warfare residential, beginning at Waterloo where Wellington defeated Napoleon. They toured the Waterloo Museum, climbed Lion's Mound for a view of the battlefield, explored Hougoumont Farm, and practised historical battle formations.

In Ypres, they studied WWI developments at sites including Messines Ridge, Bayernwald Trenches, and Hill 60, learning about mining, gas warfare, and trench life. The day ended with the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.

On the final day, students visited Langemarck Cemetery, the Passchendaele Museum, and Tyne Cot Memorial, where they learned about German perspectives, WWI weaponry, and trench conditions. The trip concluded with a wreath-laying ceremony.





Year 12 French exchange

Our Year 12 French students set off for their annual exchange to our partner school in Montmartre, Paris! Travelling by Eurostar, they met their host families and drove straight into French life. Highlights included lessons at Lycée Jules Ferry, a visit to Gall rie Dior and the Champs- lys es, Notre Dame, the Museum of Liberation, and the Mus e d'Orsay (the polar bear statue was a hit!). They enjoyed a delicious group meal at Le Bouillon in Montmartre and even saw the Eiffel Tower on a Friday night. Students returned with new confidence, cultural insights, and unforgettable memories. Exchange trips like this truly make language learning come alive!





Year 13 Imperial War Museum trip

Year 13 historians visited the Imperial War Museum. They attended a Holocaust talk and spent over 2 hours exploring the powerful Holocaust Galleries to deepen their coursework understanding. In the afternoon, students toured the rest of the museum, experiencing a WW1 trench and interactive displays for their British Experience of Warfare module. The day ended with some free time at Battersea Power Station after a thought-provoking visit.





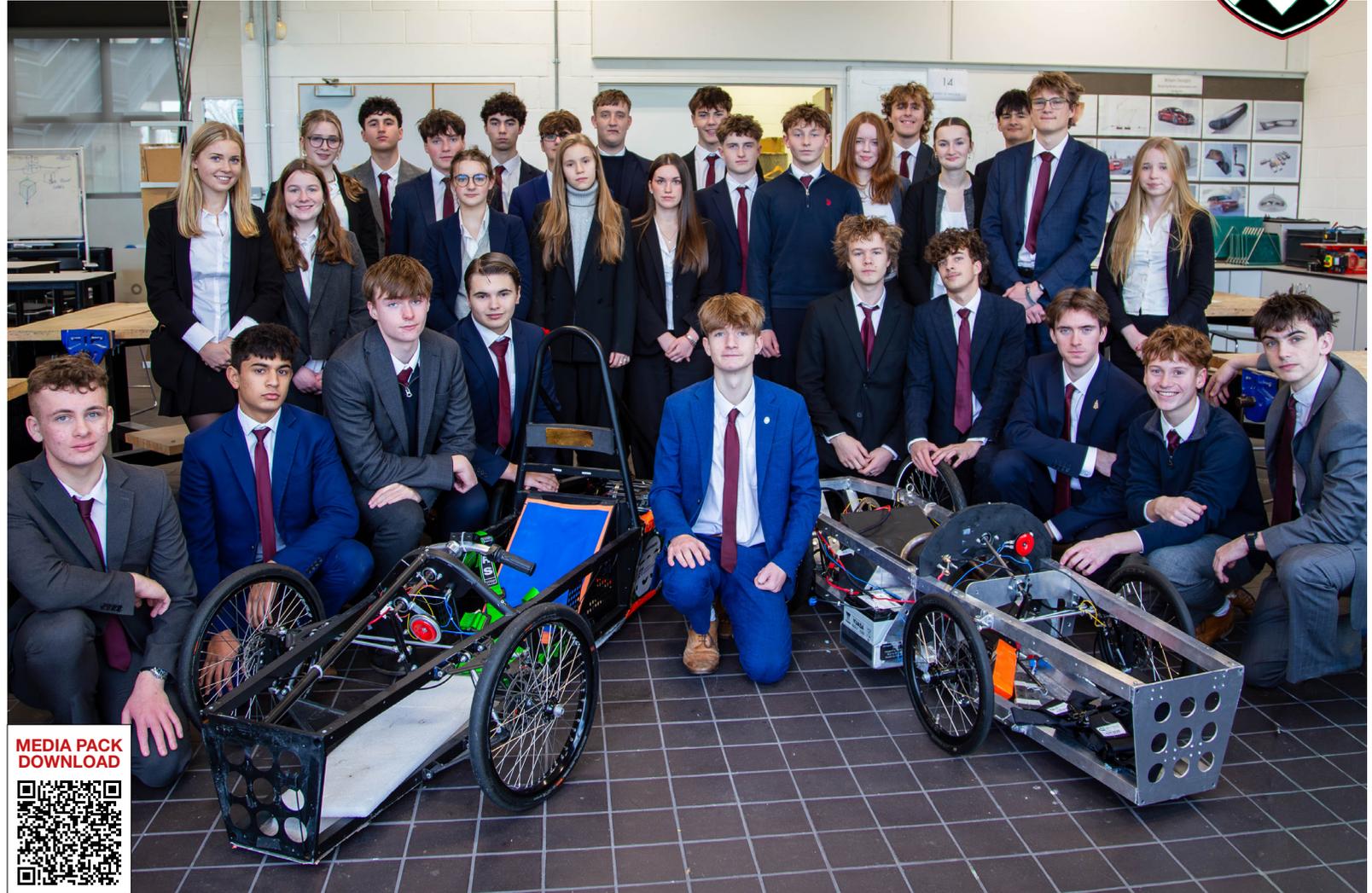
Team Greenpower V5.0

We are pleased to announce our Greenpower Team 5.0. 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.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact greenpower@haringtonschool.com





Alumnus spotlight Maisie Sharp 2020-2022

Maisie's Remarkable Journey into Paediatric Nursing

Former Harington School student Maisie has achieved outstanding success, graduating with a First Class Honours degree in Paediatric Nursing from Sheffield Hallam University. Her degree involved three demanding years of academic study and intensive clinical placements, including time at Sheffield Children's Hospital across intensive care, medical and oncology wards, as well as placements in neonatal and community nursing at Barnsley Hospital.

Maisie's hard work and resilience paid off when she secured interviews, and job offers, from both Great Ormond Street Hospital and The Evelina Children's Hospital in London. She accepted a highly competitive post at the Evelina, which holds an outstanding CQC rating, becoming one of just 10 newly qualified nurses appointed after a rigorous three-day interview process. Maisie has now begun her role on the Neonatal Unit, alongside celebrating her recent graduation.

Reflecting on her journey, Maisie says:

"I've doubted myself so many times, especially when I compared my path to others, but I'm proud that I kept going. This experience has shown me that hard work and resilience really do open doors."

Maisie's success is a fantastic example of determination and self-belief, and a proud moment for the Harington School community.



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Harington Challenge

We held the grand final of the Year 12 Harington Challenge. Each student wrote an essay and delivered a presentation on a topic of their choice, with one winner selected from each form to compete in the final. The standard this year was exceptionally high, and we are delighted to congratulate Oliver as the overall winner for his outstanding presentation on the impact of the Irish Troubles on music.



What are the health risks of not being physically active?

- Lifestyles have become more sedentary since COVID-19 (working from home)
- Prolonged sitting with little physical activity is linked to cardiovascular disease and high blood pressure
- Increased feelings of anxiety, depression and irritability
- Disrupted, poor sleep and lower energy levels

Life & Death + Good & Evil

- Life and death + good and evil are always seen as opposites
- But these two "enemies" must be paired together for the other to succeed
- Good and evil are worth the same value, they illustrate the law
- Life cycle is a continuing exchange of life and death
- The minute we are born we are guaranteed to die, we are constantly going through equilibrium exchange

The importance of Spider-Man

- Marvel Comics character
- Some of the most popular and influential characters in western pop culture
- Embodies values of morality, moral integrity, and responsibility
- Has become one of the leading fictional role models for young men
- Engaging adolescence has become increasingly complex
- Fictional role models have become more valued where real world influences have fallen short
- The example that these role models set has become increasingly important
- However, has Spider-Man descended from our real world? Or young men lacking practical examples of role models?

WHAT IS THE THEORY?

- It states that the collapse of the Twin Towers was not solely caused by the plane crash and its resulting structural damage due to the fire, but actually because of engineers planted in the buildings, in advance
- Physicists, architects and engineers proposed that the towers could not have survived if the buildings sufficiently enough to include the collapse
- The National Institute of Standards and Technology researched from theories

Is Jesus talked about outside the Bible? (Corroboration)

- Found on Wikipedia
- Tacitus(AD100) mentions "Christus", who suffered the death penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of Pontius Pilate in his work "Annals"
- Flavius Josephus(AD93)- an "Antiquities" Josephus describes Jesus as a wise man and a doer of wonderful works
- Pliny the younger(AD 106)- his 106 AD includes a report on proceedings against Christians

To what extent did the Irish 'Troubles' influence music

THE CRANBERRIES BELFAST 2003

Aviation Today and its Problems

- CO₂ emissions (Billion tonnes)
- 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 2025





UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge Winners

Our Year 12 and 13 Further Mathematicians completed the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, a national competition designed to stretch keen mathematicians and prepare them for study beyond A level. Congratulations to all participants, and especially to Jacob, Chiara, Fraser, Lewis and Emily for progressing to the next round.



Netball Success

Our players shone at the U19 Leicestershire Netball Tournament at Leicester Grammar School, finishing 5th overall. An incredible achievement!

Congratulations to captain Isla and vice-captain Ava for their fantastic leadership and encouragement throughout the day.



Harington Community Service Award

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Anna, one of our Year 12 students, on receiving the Harington Community Service Award!

Anna has been an active member of The Rutland Youth Council (RYC) since 2022 and this year was elected as Chair. The RYC provides young people of Rutland with a voice to shape the future of Rutland. Anna has been involved in running a number of campaigns from health to environmental.

Anna also volunteers at The Leicester Youth Advisory Board discussing the role of young carers and how they can access additional support.



Diwali celebration

Our students fully embraced the spirit of Diwali, taking part in a lively Bollywood dance workshop during Friday activities, completing a Diwali-themed Kahoot quiz in tutorial time, and enjoyed delicious samosas at break time.



University of Warwick Biology in Action

Our A level biologists visited the University of Warwick for the Biology in Action lecture day. They heard lectures from eminent scientists covering a range of subjects, including the science of de-extinction, technology in medicine, and the "Seismic Safari." Everyone found the lectures truly inspiring, and the day gave them some great ideas for future careers.

Rugby Success

Well done to the U18 Harington rugby team on an excellent performance against Oakham School's 4th team, scoring four tries in what was a superb game of rugby. Thank you to Oakham School for hosting us and to Stonegate Rugby Club for once again loaning us a kit.





Jump Giants Trip

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



Football success

Harington edged out their opponents in a tight 2-1 match, with students displaying excellent skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the game.



Royal Navy Talk

Hayden delivered a talk to Year 12 and 13 students who are interested in pursuing a Service, sharing his experience in joining the Royal Navy after leaving Harington, and the opportunities available. We thank Hayden for sharing his extensive knowledge and his wonderful engagement with current students.





Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award

Congratulations to all the Year 12 students who recently received their Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award.

Lions Club of Rutland Community Service Award

Congratulations to Year 12 student Angus, winner of the Lions Club of Rutland Community Service Award 2025. Angus has volunteered with Ketton Scouts for two years as a Young Leader, giving back to the group he joined at age 6. His dedication to mentoring and supporting local young people is truly inspiring.



Year 13 House Cupstacking Competition

A huge congratulations to everyone who took part in the Year 13 cup stacking house competition. The results are in:

- 1st Place: Matthew - Giants House
- 2nd Place: Jamie - Navigators House
- 3rd Place: Will - Originals House

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



A level taster sessions

Prospective students from a number of secondary schools attended A level taster sessions at Harington. It was lovely to meet you all. Many thanks for joining us and we hope you enjoyed your experience. For students in Year 11 looking to apply for 2026 entry the deadline is **Monday 9 February**, applications can be made via our website <https://www.haringtonschool.com/application-information/>





Welcome back class of 2025

"Thank you to all our former students and their parents who joined us for the Christmas Reunion. It was wonderful to see so many of you and to find out what you have been up to over the last 4 months. Massive congratulations to all our prize winners, but a special mention to Elliot (who was awarded the Governor's Award), Tobias (Academic Achievement Award), Ada (Progress Award), Zuzia (Head of School Award) and Hannah and Harvey (Head Student Awards).

As a year group you definitely left the school in a better place than you found it! You will always be remembered for your contributions to music, sport and some amazing trips and visits! As well as a fantastic set of A level results.

As always, a heartfelt thank you also goes to your teachers at Harington School who supported you every step of the way. Please don't forget to stay in touch through our alumni group and by following us on social media."
Oliver Teasel, Head of School





Anthony Nolan Trust

Students learned that they could save a life, just by being their unique selves. They had a Hero Project visit from Anthony Nolan, the charity that matches people with blood cancers and blood disorders to incredible strangers willing to donate their stem cells. We're so proud that 77 of our students made the decision to become potential lifesavers. The Hero Project is a free programme that educates 16 to 18-year-olds about stem cell, blood, and organ donation. Younger donors offer better survival rates for patients, meaning young people have the power to save a life. They can also build valuable skills as Student Champions, helping to educate their peers on donation.





FEBRUARY 2026

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| Monday 2-13 | Year 13 mock exams |
| Friday 13 | Term 3. School closes |
| Monday 23 | Term 4. School opens |
| Friday 27 to March 3 | Year 12 & 13 Spanish Malaga trip |

MARCH 2026

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| Thursday 19 | Year 12 Hamlet trip |
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APRIL 2026

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| Thursday 2 | Term 4. School closes |
| Tuesday 7-9 | DofE Gold Practice Expedition |
| Monday 20 | Term 5. School opens |
| Tuesday 21 | Post-18 information evening |
| Tuesday 28 | V&A Museum trip |

MAY 2026

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| Friday 22 | Term 5. School closes |
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Fabric mushrooms: Nancy Howe, Alumni



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