

HARINGTON LINK





Welcome

Welcome to Issue 6 of the Harington Link, our termly newsletter that keeps you up to date with all things Harington School. We hope you have all enjoyed a long and relaxing summer break.

On A level Results Day, we said one final goodbye to the Class of 2026 as they left us to embark on the next chapter of their lives, whether that be university, an apprenticeship, a gap year, or entering the world of work. We wish them all the very best of luck.

One week later, we welcomed more than 150 new Year 12 students to the School. They have made a fantastic start to their time with us, and I look forward to working with them over the next two years. Welcome to the Harington family!

In this issue of the Harington Link, we look back on the achievements and experiences of 2025-26. From trips to the V&A Museum, the Cambridge University Botanic Garden, exploring Norfolk and enjoying the Aqua Park, there really was something for everyone!

You can also find out who won the Battle of the Bands, Hush or UnBOXD, discover how the Greenpower Team got on in their first race of 2026, and read about the Duke of Edinburgh's expedition to the Lake District.

Finally, we have two amazing feats of endurance to celebrate. Finn completed his first ultra-marathon in support of Reverse Rett, while Trent and Eve are preparing to take part in next year's Manchester Marathon, raising money for Endometriosis UK and the British Heart Foundation.

I really hope you enjoy the read.

Oliver Teasel
Head of School





Enriching English Studies Through Theatre and Film

A brilliant trip to the V&A where our students attended a screening of *Jerusalem* by Jez Butterworth, one of their key set texts for literature coursework.

Seeing the play brought to life on screen gave students fresh insight into its themes, characters and powerful dialogue. A valuable and inspiring experience that will enrich their studies.

Year 12 Cambridge Botanical Gardens trip

Our Year 12 Biology students enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge. Despite the weather, students had a fantastic time exploring a wide variety of plant species and discovering the adaptations that help them survive in different environmental conditions. It was a great opportunity to bring classroom learning to life while exploring the incredible complexity of the gardens they have been studying in lessons.





Exploring Norfolk: Geography Fieldwork in Action

During June, geographers visited Norfolk to undertake a variety of fieldwork methods and workshops to prepare for their coursework project, which contributes to 20% of their overall A level grade. The residential weekend provided many opportunities for analytical thinking, teamwork as well as time with friends.





Year 12 Aqua Park

Year 12 had a brilliant time at the Aqua Park, enjoying fun activities, teamwork, and plenty of laughs. It was a great way to celebrate the end of the term!





Our Students Launch Their Own Digital Newspaper

We are proud to introduce The Harington Edit, a student-led digital newspaper created by our students.

The Harington Edit provides reliable, unbiased information on topics that matter to young people. Working collaboratively each week, students independently research areas of personal interest and produce factual, educational articles using trustworthy sources.

This exciting initiative encourages students to develop their research, communication and critical thinking skills, while giving readers the opportunity to stay informed and learn something new.

The first issue is now available to read online at <https://www.haringtonschool.com/harington-edit/>



Battle of the Bands 2026 winners

The annual Battle of the Bands was an incredible showcase of talent and energy. A huge well done to Harington bands Hush and UnBOXD, plus an acoustic performance from Nomad alongside Catmose bands SS26, Rattlehead, The Weasels and Carpathia.

Congratulations to UnBOXD for winning a closely fought competition, and well done to all performers for their courage and outstanding performances.





Strong Season Opener for Harington Greenpower Team

A fantastic start to the 2026 season for our Harington Greenpower Team at Blyton Park.

In their first race of the year, our students secured impressive 4th and 6th place finishes in their category, completing 29.67 km in their newly liveried electric cars with zero carbon emissions.

These results put the team in a strong position as they continue their quest to qualify for the International Final at Goodwood this October. Next stop is Mallory Park in September.

Congratulations to everyone involved. We are incredibly proud of the team's hard work and teamwork.

A special thank you to our sponsors, Tim Norton and Heidelberg Materials, for their generous support. Your backing plays a vital role in helping our students develop their engineering skills, compete at the highest level, and inspire the next generation of innovators.





Gold DofE Students Take on Lake District Expedition

Over the Easter break, 54 of our Gold DofE students took on their practice expedition in the Lake District. Blessed with clear skies, they trekked across the peaks and experienced true wild camping. Our providers, Sam Sykes, were full of praise, describing the group as exceptionally polite and one of the most capable practice cohorts they have ever supported.



Alumnus Luka Celebrates Duke of Edinburgh Gold Achievement

Congratulations to Luka, who proudly attended the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Ceremony at Buckingham Palace recently. While attending Harington School, Luka was encouraged and supported to pursue the Duke of Edinburgh Award, and his achievement reflects the hard work, determination, and commitment he has shown throughout his journey.





Alumni Prom Year 13 2024-2026



WHY NOT
CONNECT
WITH US ON
LINKEDIN?



Alumnus spotlight Christopher Wright 2018-2020

From Harington to Peking University

We are delighted to share an exciting update from former Harington student Christopher, who has been awarded the two-year Yenching Academy Scholarship and has taken up his place at Peking University as a Yenching Scholar, specialising in China Studies (Philosophy and Religion).

After two years as Rutland's Economic Development Officer, Christopher has returned to academia and to his interest in sinology, which he first began exploring in his free time while at Harington.

The Yenching Academy brings together talented students of China for a two-year Master's programme at Peking University, with scholars specialising in one of seven fields. Christopher is one of just three Philosophy and Religion scholars in his year.

Building on his study of Chinese at Oxford from 2020 to 2024, including both Chinese and Western philosophical thought, Christopher will now research fluctuations in language and meaning in philosophical texts from China's Warring States era.

Christopher remains grateful to his Harington teachers, particularly those who taught English Literature, Spanish and Religious Studies, which he says all helped develop the literary, philosophical and linguistic skills needed for his undergraduate studies.

He also thanked his former teachers for graciously forgiving him when he declined to study any of their subjects at university. As he reflects: "In a way, though, I studied all three – and more."

We wish Christopher every success as he begins this exciting new chapter at Peking University.

More information about the Yenching Academy of Peking University can be found on their [website](#).



WHY NOT
CONNECT
WITH US ON
LINKEDIN?



Induction Days

We were delighted to welcome students to the School this week for their two-day induction programme. Over the course of both days, students participated in a range of ice breakers and subject tasters, before taking part in a question and answer session led by our senior students.

A big thank you to our Year 12 student leadership team who did an amazing job of organising and leading both days of the event.





Harington Students Support Successful Varsity Athletics Event

A huge well done to our amazing Harington Sports Leaders who did a fantastic job officiating at the Varsity Athletics competition at Corby Athletics Club. They took on a wide range of officiating roles throughout the afternoon and represented the school brilliantly. They carried out their duties with confidence, helping the whole event run smoothly from start to finish. We are incredibly proud of their effort and the positive impact they had on such a successful sporting afternoon.

Year 12 Student Finn Takes on Ultra Challenge for Reverse Rett

We're incredibly proud of Year 12 student Finn, who on 4 July took on an incredible 50km Peak District Ultra Challenge with his dad, Ben, to raise money for Reverse Rett in support of Finn's sister, Lottie. At just 16, Finn was one of the youngest participants in the event. If you're able to support their fundraising, every donation will make a difference.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ben-lashbrooke-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Bringing Geography to Life: Year 12 Carbon Cycle Fieldwork

"At The Allerton Project, we explored how different farming practices impact soil carbon stores and the ecosystems that depend on them. We then visited Ketton Cement to investigate the role of cement production in the local carbon store and its wider links to the carbon and water cycles. One of the highlights of the trip was getting a behind-the-scenes look inside a rotary kiln through live cameras, as well as hearing directly from employees about how their work influences key geographical processes. It was a fascinating day that brought our classroom learning to life and gave us a real-world understanding of sustainability and industrial geography." Izzie and Seth, Year 12 Geography Ambassadors



Post-18 Opportunities Fair

Year 12 students attended the Universities and Apprenticeships Search Fair at the Mattioli Woods stadium. This engaging visit is a key aspect of our post-18 careers programme, contributing to students being fully aware of the opportunities available to them, and enabling students in gaining knowledge from employers and higher education professionals.

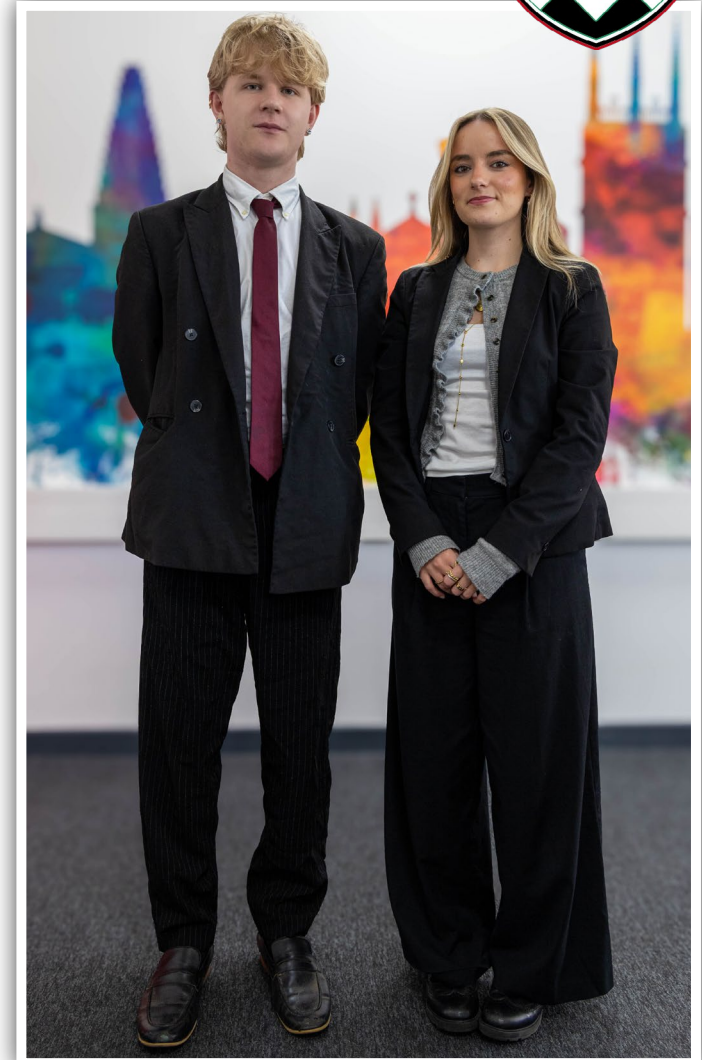
Two Inspiring Marathon Challenges for Important Causes

Two members of our school community are taking on an incredible challenge at the 2027 Manchester Marathon and they're running for causes that matter deeply to them.

Eve will be running to raise awareness and funds for Endometriosis UK, supporting those affected by endometriosis and helping to improve understanding of this condition. https://www.justgiving.com/page/eve-bradley-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Trent is taking on the marathon in aid of the British Heart Foundation, helping to fund lifesaving research into heart and circulatory diseases. https://www.justgiving.com/page/trent-baker-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

We are incredibly proud of their commitment, determination and community spirit as they prepare for this amazing achievement. Please join us in cheering them on and supporting their fundraising journeys over the coming months!





Year 12 Sports Day

Thanks to the Year 12 Sports Ambassadors who organised a fantastic Sports Day last week. The day was filled with fun races, fierce competition, and an incredible sense of camaraderie. We extend our thanks to Lidl GB Oakham for their generous donation of ice lollies too. Your support is truly appreciated.





Year 13 Afternoon Tea

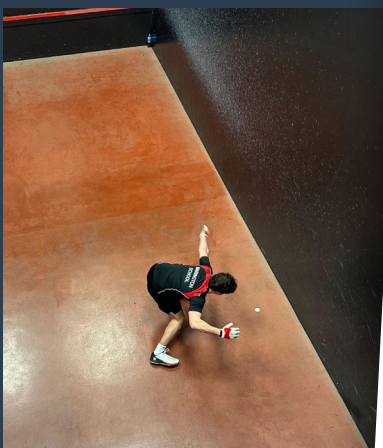
To help ease the pressures of A level exams, our Year 13 students enjoyed a relaxing Afternoon Tea, providing the perfect opportunity to spend their final Thursday afternoon together, sign yearbooks and make lasting memories.



Euan Represents Harington at Fives Nationals

Great to see Euan representing Harington at the Fives U18 Regionals (Oundle) and Nationals (St Paul's, London).

Close to finals at Regionals and nearly winning the Doubles Plate at Nationals, an incredible effort against strong competition. Well done, Euan!



Supporting Wellbeing

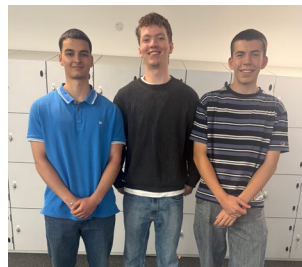
A big thank you to Charlie for visiting Harington to talk about Tellmi, an incredible mental health app that offers safe, anonymous support for young people. Our Year 12 students found the session informative and inspiring.





Wear It Blue Raises £420 for Two Worthwhile Charities

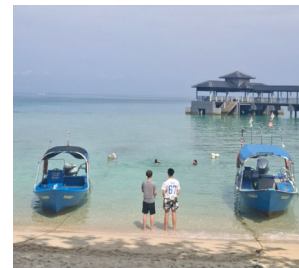
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Wear It Blue non-uniform day in aid of Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals Charity and Charlie's Promise. Together, both schools raised an incredible £420! This fantastic total will be split equally between the two charities, helping to support the amazing work they do. Thank you to our pupils, families and staff for your generosity and support.





Malaysia Expedition 2028

This summer, our students enjoyed an unforgettable adventure in Malaysia with Venture Force, developing teamwork and resilience while taking part in conservation projects. We are excited to offer the expedition again in August 2026 for current Year 12 students. Highlights include working with the Turtle Conservation Society and the opportunity to gain a PADI Open Water Diving qualification. Students will need to raise funds towards the trip. To find out more, pay the deposit via ParentPay or contact office@haringtonschool.com.





OCTOBER 2026

Thursday 15-18 Year 13 Berlin Residential
Friday 16 Term 1. School closes

NOVEMBER 2026

Monday 2 Term 2. School opens
Thursday 12 Open Evening 6-8pm
Friday 20 Year 13 Progress evening

DECEMBER 2026

Tuesday 1 Year 13 Imperial War Museum
Friday 11 Year 12 Progress evening
Friday 18 Term 2. School closes

JANUARY 2027

Monday 4 Term 3. School opens
Friday 15 Taster session

FEBRUARY 2027

Monday 1
- Friday 12 Year 13 mocks
Friday 12 Term 3. School closes
Friday 19-23 Spanish Malaga residential
Monday 22 Term 4. School opens

MARCH 2027

Thursday 25 Term 4. School closes



Illustration: Polly Greening, Alumni



SCAN TO KEEP
UP-TO-DATE
WITH EVENTS



OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 6-8PM

COME AND JOIN US

We are delighted to invite prospective students and their families to join us at our Open Evening on Thursday 12 November 2026 from 6pm until 8pm, with guided tours of the School.

Staff and students look forward to welcoming you, giving a flavour of School life and answering any questions you may have.

There will be information available regarding extracurricular activities, including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Academic Enrichment and Wellbeing Activities, as well as classroom demonstrations.

Our Head of School, Oliver Teasel, will also be giving a presentation during the evening at 6.45pm. There is no need to book.

If you have any questions please email:
office@haringtonschool.com

[facebook.com/HaringtonSchool](https://www.facebook.com/HaringtonSchool)

[Instagram.com/haringtonschool_oakham](https://www.instagram.com/haringtonschool_oakham)

[tiktok.com/@harington_school_oakham](https://www.tiktok.com/@harington_school_oakham)



SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION