



# HPAIR

HARVARD COLLEGE PROJECT FOR ASIAN AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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# **HPAIR** **LEADERSHIP & COMMUNICATION PROGRAM**

by Harvard College Project for  
Asian and International Relations

Hosted  
by



EMPOWERING STUDENTS WORLDWIDE

# OUR IMPACT



EGYPT



CANADA



USA



UNITED KINGDOM



SAUDI ARABIA



INDIA



GERMANY



GREECE



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GHANA



ROMANIA



TURKEY



AZERBAIJAN



UZBEKISTAN



QATAR



UAE



KENYA



CHINA



THAILAND



VIETNAM



MALAYSIA



INDONESIA



AUSTRALIA



# 180+

PROGRAMS

# 4,000+

STUDENT  
CHANGEMAKERS

# 30+

COUNTRIES



FIVE DAYS. ONE IMMERSIVE  
LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

# PROGRAM DETAILS

PROGRAM DATES

**1 – 5 February 2027**

IN-PERSON PROGRAM

**Kings' School Al Barsha**

PROGRAM FEE

**USD 650/student**

ELIGIBILITY

**Years 7 – 9**

DURATION

**5 days**

CERTIFICATION

**Students receive Certificate  
of Participation from Harvard  
College Project for Asian and  
International Relations**



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

# LEADERSHIP IS MORE THAN KNOWING THE RIGHT ANSWERS.

The **HPAIR Leadership & Communication Program** puts students in an environment where they have to **think, communicate, collaborate and lead**.

Across five days, students learn through a mix of **team activities, competitions, speeches, debate, case studies and interactive learning** – while building meaningful connections with their Harvard student mentors.



## From Ideas to Impact

Beyond the core curriculum, Harvard students share their experiences of college life, leadership and the college application process, offering insights and advice drawn from their own journeys.

A central part of the program is the **development of a Passion Project** – a real, actionable idea that students can continue developing beyond the program.

Whether it takes the form of a **startup, NGO, publication, website, product or more**, students work with student mentors to move from identifying an idea to developing a strategy for implementation.





## THE EXPERIENCE

# WHAT STUDENTS TAKE AWAY



### A Passion Project to Build On

Identify and develop a Passion Project that reflects your talents, abilities and academic strengths — and continue growing it beyond the program.



### A Stronger Leadership Toolkit

Explore leadership through key concepts, real-world examples, activities, teamwork and case competitions.



### Recognition That Goes With You

Receive a certificate from Harvard College Project for Asian and International Relations — a tangible mark of your participation in the HPAIR Leadership & Communication Program.



### The Confidence to Communicate

Develop public-speaking skills through speeches, debate, presentations and feedback across different contexts.



### A First-Hand College Perspective

Join a college panel with Harvard students and gain insights into high school experiences, applications, interviews and life in a college environment.

**THE 5-DAY JOURNEY**

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Day 1: Launch Into Leadership****Morning Session****Welcome & Introduction to the Mentorship Program**

- Icebreakers & mentor introductions

**Workshop: Launch Into Leadership**

- Leading with purpose and vision
- Analysis of top leaders, past and present
- Identifying world issues strategically

**Activity: Case Competition**

- Introduction to case
- Team-building vs Team-leading
- Collaborate and compete to solve case

**Lunch Break and Networking with Student Mentors****Afternoon Session****Passion Project I**

- Why Passion Projects matter
- Exploring successful Passion Projects
- Identifying personal strengths, resources and opportunities

**Reflection & mentor feedback****Focus: Leadership • Vision • Teamwork • Problem-Solving**



## Day 2: Find Your Voice

### Morning Session

#### Introduction to Day 2

- Review of Day 1
- Team-building icebreaker

#### Workshop: Public Speaking Essentials

- Key concepts for public speaking
- Examples and analysis of strong public speaking
- Develop public speaking skills across contexts
- Discussions and reflections

#### Activity: Speech and Debate

- Introduction to activity
- Speech topic assignment
- Research and strategy-building
- Presentation and feedback

### Lunch Break and Networking with Student Mentors

### Afternoon Session

#### Passion Project II

- Developing student focus/key issue
- Research intensive
- Develop strategy and goals

#### Reflection & mentor feedback

**Focus: Public Speaking • Research • Strategy • Expression**



## Day 3: Think. Debate. Strategise

### Morning Session

#### Introduction to Day 3

- Review of Day 1 and Day 2
- Strategy and trivia icebreaker

#### Workshop: Mini-Conference

- Debate Simulation
  - Introduce focus issue and assignments
  - Essential parliamentary procedure and debate etiquette
  - Research and writing for opening speeches

#### Activity: Implement skills and research

- Launch general speakers' list and deliver opening speeches
- Moderated caucus I
- Moderated caucus II

#### Feedback

### Lunch Break and Networking with Student Mentors

### Afternoon Session

#### Passion Project III

- Meet 1-on-1 with student mentors
- Personalized recommendation, networking and advising case studies
- Strategy via case studies

#### Reflection & mentor feedback

**Focus: Debate • Strategy • Research • Mentorship**





## Day 4: Turn Strategy Into Action

### Morning Session

#### Introduction to Day 4

- Review of Day 3 and conference tips

#### Workshop: mini-conference II

- Debate concepts
  - Quick review of Parliamentary procedure and Q&A
  - Introduce unmoderated caucus (Independent problem-solving)
  - Introduce working papers and draft resolutions

#### Activity: Implement skills and research

- Unmoderated caucus I
- Moderated caucus III
- Present resolutions

#### Feedback

### Lunch Break and Networking with Student Mentors

### Afternoon Session

#### Passion Project IV

- Continue to meet 1-on-1 with student mentors for feedback

#### Establishing legitimacy, building a brand:

- Website design and effectiveness
- Logos, Marketing and Brand identity
- Budgets and Data organisation
- Communication channels (accounts, emails, etc)
- Forms and surveys
- Procurement and resourcefulness with student context

#### Reflection & mentor feedback

**Focus: Strategic Thinking • Problem-Solving • Implementation • Brand Building**

## Day 5: From College to Careers

### Morning Session

#### Introduction to Day 5

- Review
  - Concepts from Day 1 and Day 2
  - Implementation from Day 3 and Day 4
- Trivia Icebreaker Game

#### Workshop: College to Careers

- Leadership for college success
- Public speaking in college and career context

#### Activity: College/Job interviews

#### Activity: Networking tools

#### Harvard College Q&A

### Lunch Break and Networking with Student Mentors

### Afternoon Session

#### Passion Project V

- Transforming ideas to implementation
- Network and grow
- Connect with Harvard organisations and network
- Leverage networking tools and email/outreach strategies to initiate Passion Project

#### Reflections and Feedback

**Focus: Implementation • Networking • College • Career**





ABOUT

# Harvard College Project for Asian and International Relations

**1991**

FOUNDED

**49**

CONFERENCES

**34**

HOST  
COUNTRIES

**40,000+**

STUDENTS & YOUNG  
PROFESSIONALS IMPACTED

The **Harvard College Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR)** is a student-run organisation at Harvard College, **founded in 1991** to connect emerging leaders with global policymakers, business executives, academics, and innovators. Through its flagship conferences and leadership initiatives, HPAIR provides a platform for meaningful dialogue on the economic, political, and social issues shaping the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

Over the past three decades, **HPAIR has organised 49 international conferences across 34 host countries, engaging 40,000+ students and young professionals from around the globe.** Each year, HPAIR hosts two major conferences - one at Harvard University and another in the Asia-Pacific - bringing together world-renowned speakers and the next generation of changemakers for learning, collaboration, and cross-cultural exchange.

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**GLOBAL LEADERS, GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS.**

**"For over three decades, HPAIR has empowered the next generation of leaders through dialogue, collaboration, and global perspectives."**

## HARVARD STUDENT MENTORS

# MEET YOUR MENTORS FROM HPAIR



### **Sarah Shirley**

Sarah studies Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology and Global Health Policy at Harvard College. Her interests sit at the intersection of medicine, research and public policy, with a focus on translating scientific discovery into meaningful clinical impact.

She is passionate about advancing equitable healthcare access, improving patient outcomes and exploring how innovation and health systems can address complex global health challenges.

### **Nabila Chowdhury**

Nabila is a Harvard graduate majoring in Philosophy. She is currently a Legislative Policy Fellow for the United States Senate, a STRIDE Public Service Award recipient, and Manager of the Editorial Board for the Stennis Center for Public Service.

At Harvard, she served as President of Harvard Model Congress Middle East, Director of the Supreme Court at Harvard Model Congress Boston, and Advocacy and Action Chair for the Harvard College Women's Center.



### **Hayden Bennett**

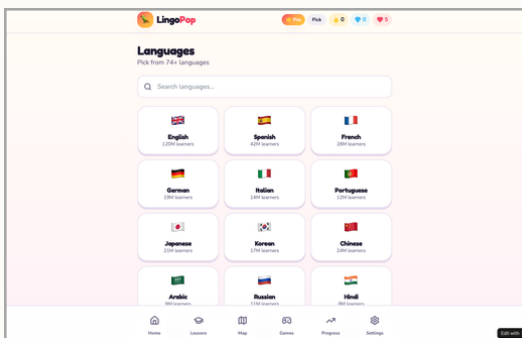
Hayden is a senior at Harvard studying Economics & Media. His multidisciplinary interests combine storytelling, strategic thinking, design and technology, with a focus on how media and data can drive effective communication and problem-solving.

He has also worked with community-oriented organisations such as Cambridge Local First, supporting local businesses and civic engagement.



## A LOOK AT PAST PROJECTS CREATED BY STUDENTS AT KINGS' SCHOOL AL BARSHA.

# IDEAS THAT MADE AN IMPACT



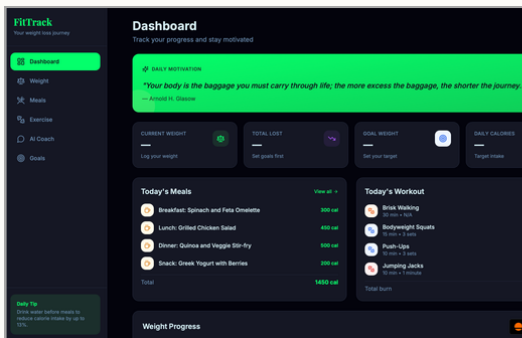
### LingoPop

by J. Erradi

BUILT WITH:

Lovable · Claude API

Jana built Lingo Pop, a gamified language-learning app supporting 70+ languages and designed to make learning engaging and accessible.



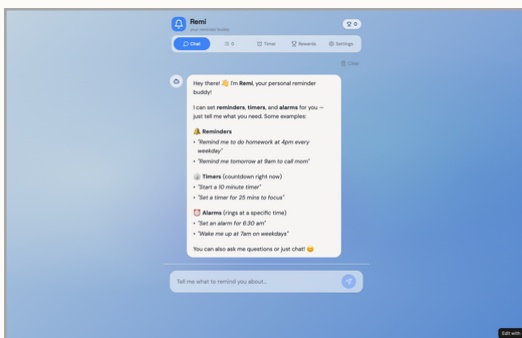
### FitTrack

by M. Sohail

BUILT WITH:

Base44 · AI personalization

Mustafa built Fit Track, an all-in-one AI-powered health and wellness app that personalises fitness, nutrition and exercise planning while tracking progress.



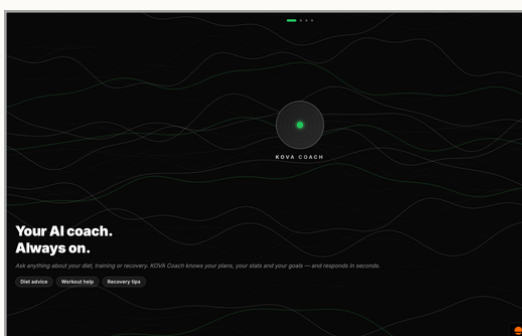
### Remi Flow

by S. Walana

BUILT WITH:

Lovable · AI productivity

Sharain built Remi Flow, a unified productivity app that combines reminders, timers and alarms with an AI layer to simplify time management for students.



### Kova

by C. Jassim

BUILT WITH:

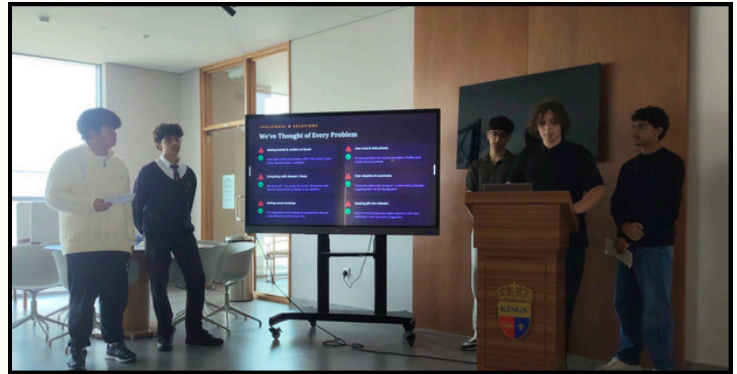
Base44 · Health Analytics

Chouiter Jassim built Kova, an AI-powered health companion that unifies personalized nutrition, structured workouts, habit-building, and progress tracking into one holistic platform.

*and many more...*

A LOOK BACK AT PAST PROGRAM EXPERIENCES  
AT KINGS' SCHOOL AL BARSHA.

# MOMENTS THAT STAY WITH YOU







**LEAD WITH PURPOSE. SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE.  
TURN IDEAS INTO ACTION.**

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