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SIXTH FORM
OUR VISION

OUR VISION IS TO DEVELOP SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE COURAGE, BEHAVE WITH INTEGRITY AND LIVE HAPPY LIVES.
HARRIS ACADEMY GREENWICH IS NOW ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIES IN ENGLAND.

Our ambitious new Sixth Form has tripled in size in the first two years of opening with our first cohort already achieving excellent results.

What makes our Sixth Form unique? It is not just the outstanding teaching, the small class sizes or the wide curriculum offer. It’s the culture and climate here, where the staff truly care about you and your progress, where you have a voice that is heard, where you are pushed and supported to fulfil your potential.

The vision for all our students is important to us and lies at the heart of everything we do.

SUCCESS
You are not anonymous here, not a simple statistic. We will get to know you, to understand you, to help you flourish not just academically but to develop a confidence and love of learning which we hope you will sustain throughout your life.

COURAGE
Life in the Sixth Form is extremely challenging, not just in terms of the learning but also the increased expectation of independence. Our students have to dig deep and find a resilience that will serve them well in their careers. The step into adulthood is a significant one and our role is to ensure you don’t lose sight of just how big your dreams should be.

INTEGRITY
Our younger students really look up to our Seniors and our Sixth Form students are expected to step up to be fantastic role models in terms of their attitudes and positive behaviour. Many of our Sixth Form mentor younger pupils, which is a rewarding experience for all and excellent preparation for future education and careers.

HAPPINESS
The Dalai Lama once said that, ‘The purpose of life is to be happy.’ Well, who are we to disagree? We’d like to help you find a life truly worth living.
MENTORING

Our Sixth Form is a big and busy place, often a blur of lessons, people, activities and coursework, exams and social events.

All our students are assigned a mentor who meets with them weekly to ensure they stay focused and feel not just in control, but that they are thriving.

The weekly coaching and mentoring sessions centre on two areas: firstly, academic progress and skills such as effective studying, revision strategies and the organisation of independent learning; secondly, the wider fields of higher education and the university application process, and strategies to join the world of work at the highest possible level.

Your mentor will act as your link between you, your subject teachers and your parents, advising and supporting as appropriate. All our students know we are all on their side and passionately want them to fulfil their potential.

The majority of our students aspire to university or college and our mentoring programme will ensure you have the best possible chance of being accepted to the top establishments in the UK. Indeed, the close ties which the Harris Federation has with many Russell Group Universities, and in particular Harris Manchester College, Oxford, ensure that our Sixth Form leavers have the most exciting futures ahead of them.

Both your mentor and the Principal will write a personal reference for you so it is important to develop and demonstrate your skills, aptitudes and extra-curricular activities throughout your time with us – it is not just about your grades. At Harris Academy Greenwich there are ample opportunities to develop a very impressive CV.
CASE STUDY
Elizabeth, Year 12

Although Elizabeth is not completely sure which career she’d like to pursue, she is certain about going to university. Elizabeth is in Year 12 studying A Levels in Philosophy and Religion, Geography, Psychology and Level 3 BTEC Music. She loves being in the Sixth Form and leads an active role in the Post 16 Student Committee. She also mentors younger students.

“My aim here at the Academy is to give back the support to others that is continually given to me. I know I’m going to be really successful at exam time and get the grades I need for university.”
Sixth Form is not just about achieving excellent grades. It’s about developing well-rounded young adults who have a wealth of experience under their belts.

For example, we offer the ‘Extended Project’, an additional qualification where students independently write a dissertation or produce a performance or other example of their subject. This study, taking up to 120 hours, is strongly valued by universities as it supports the independent study skills required in higher education.

Another opportunity is the ‘Brilliant Club’, where students are tutored by PhD students from elite universities, completing a 3000 word assignment, two university trips and 5 small group tutorials. The programme has an outstanding rate of success in supporting students to obtain places at Russell Group universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and University College London. A similar programme runs with Teach First to support pupils from low participation backgrounds into university.

Business and ICT students have an extensive programme of support through The Careers Academy, which offers an accredited qualification, supported by a programme of mentoring from business leaders, guru lectures, trips and visits, and an extended internship in the summer of Year 12 of up to 2 months in a city-based environment.

Other enrichment opportunities include: the Student Commission, which works with teachers to further improve the quality of teaching and learning throughout the Academy; House competitions; mentoring of younger students, which involves coaching and mentoring training; drama and music productions; numerous sporting activities and other stimulating educational trips.

Our philosophy is that Sixth Form should be two of the best years of your life in terms of learning, academic success and personal growth. All students have hopes and dreams; it is our moral responsibility to help you make them come true.
CASE STUDY
Lauren, Year 12

Lauren is a bright and charismatic student who returned to our Sixth Form this year after spending a year in another Post 16 environment where she’d just felt like she didn’t belong. She is currently studying Drama, Media, Product Design and Business A Levels. Lauren’s ambition is to become an entrepreneur within the film industry.

“The teachers have such passion for their subjects, not just for getting you through an exam. The idea of developing the courage to pursue my dreams and the integrity to do it in the right way really resonates with me.”
CASE STUDY
Paul, Year 13

Paul is in Year 13 completing the BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport in which he expects to gain a Distinction*. He would like to carry on his education at university and gain a degree in Sports Business Management to enter the fitness industry at a high level after graduation.

“My mentor is currently helping me with my UCAS application – I can’t believe I’m actually going to go to university. It just goes to show that in this Academy, anything is possible. Success is simply an expectation.”
**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
At least 5 GCSE passes at grades A*–C are required as a minimum for entry to Post 16 study, with at least a grade B (or an A depending on the subject) or a merit level pass for subjects you have chosen to study at Post 16.

Harris Academy Greenwich offers a variety of courses to study at various levels. Please see our website for a full list of the extensive range of subjects on offer.

**A LEVELS**
GCE A Level courses are studied over two years, the first year known as AS and the second as A2. Exact course specifications can be discussed with your subject teacher or Head of Sixth Form. Please note that a minimum grade B at GCSE in either your chosen subject or a related subject is a minimum requirement. For A Level Maths, an A or A* grade is required for entry.

**BTEC LEVEL 3**
These are offered in specialist areas and have been designed to develop application skills as well as foster deep knowledge. They will appeal to students who learn theory best through developing practical skills and are excited by the content. The Level 3 BTEC courses do not replace A Levels but can be equivalent to 1, 2 or 3 A Levels dependent on the course. Students can take additional AS and A Levels alongside these BTEC courses. Minimum entrance for these courses are Merits at Level 2 BTEC courses plus 5A*–C in GCSE and a strong commitment to the subject. We offer BTEC Level 3 courses in Business, ICT, Performing Arts and Sports.

**PRIVATE TUITION: ENGLISH/MATHS**
All pupils who have not attained a C grade in English and/or Maths at GCSE are required to have private tuition in those subjects until they attain a C grade pass. This will be on a one-to-one or small group basis, in recognition of the fact that these qualifications are so crucial to future success. We are totally committed to helping students achieve these qualifications.

**HOW TO APPLY**

**September and October:** Read this prospectus

**November:** Attend our Open Evening as advertised on the website

**December onwards:** Complete an application form and submit it by the deadline on the website

Once your application is received, you may be invited for interview and if successful given a conditional offer.

We look forward to hearing from you.
CASE STUDY
Courtnei, Year 12

Courtnei joined the Harris Sixth Form this year from another school and has excelled from her first moment here. She is studying Maths, Business, Art and ICT A Levels and hopes to become an automotive designer. As an external student, the Academy was an unfamiliar place but she soon felt at home.

“The teachers are exceptionally helpful and always go the extra mile. I’ve been welcomed with open arms by both the staff and the students, and am now part of the Post 16 Mentoring Team. I feel like I can make a big difference to younger students in the Academy.”
Our Academy is sponsored by the Harris Federation, a charity with over 20 years of experience in running schools. The Federation runs 27 Primary and Secondary Academies across London.

The Harris Federation has an exceptional track record, with academic progress outpacing the national average by three or four times each year. 9 of our 12 Secondary Academies open for longer than a year so far inspected by Ofsted have been judged as ‘Outstanding’ – this is unmatched by any other education body.

The work of the Federation is made possible through the generous financial support of Lord Harris of Peckham and is brought to life by a team of excellent teachers and leaders.

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Harris Federation is a London charity with more than twenty years of experience in education. Our Academies have an excellent track record in preparing Sixth Form students for the best Universities and careers.

Harris Academy Greenwich has established itself as a highly enterprising and very successful member of our group. What makes it so successful? Students who enjoy learning and being part of a vibrant Sixth Form. Teachers and support staff who are genuinely ambitious for every student and a senior leadership team that consistently sets standards of excellence.

If your son or daughter wants to study in a Sixth Form with drive and ambition, then I hope you will attend the Open Evening to find out more.

Sir Daniel Moynihan Ed.D, M.A., B.Sc. (Econ)
Chief Executive of the Harris Federation

FROM THE SPONSOR

As an employer and a father I strongly believe that a good education is the best start in life that you can give a child.

Harris Academy Greenwich will promote hard work, curiosity of mind, integrity and ambition. It will work tirelessly, in partnership with the other Harris Academies, to ensure the greatest success for every student, regardless of their ability or aptitude.

I hope you will come along to our Open Evening to see for yourself the difference the Academy is making.

Lord Harris of Peckham