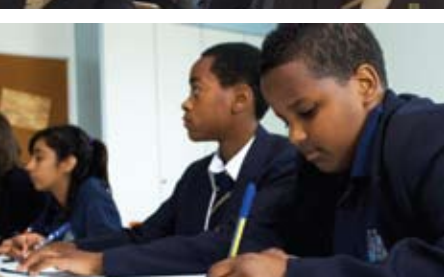


Harrow High School & Sports College

Excellence for All





welcome

This prospectus aims to introduce you to what is special about Harrow High School. Every child matters to us and our aim is for every child to achieve high educational standards through a personalised approach to learning. We call our young people learners as, quite simply, learning is what we expect them to do. As a result Harrow High School is in the top 5% of schools in the country for contextual value added (the progress made from Key Stage 2 to Stage 4). This is proof that our young people always achieve above and beyond the targets set for them. Their success continues into the sixth form. Our commitment to personalisation ensures our young people have access to a wide range of opportunities in the future.

An excellent system of pastoral care and guidance throughout the School engenders a real understanding of community and develops a strong sense of responsibility and self-discipline amongst learners. It is important to us that they succeed not only academically but also learn how to become successful citizens.

We welcome visitors to our School so please contact us by telephone to arrange a visit when you can see our young people learning and our staff ensuring 'Excellence for All'.

Paul Gamble
Headteacher

“ We think that your school provides you with an outstanding education because of the excellent care guidance and support you receive. You make outstanding progress by the time you leave school in your academic work and in your personal and social development. ”

Letter sent to our learners from Ofsted 2008



Harrow High is an Ofsted 'Outstanding School'

“ At this school, staff don't just go the extra mile, they go the extra ten miles...”

Parent comment to Ofsted

“ The school always thinks about the future.”

Yr 9 learner



“ I have only been here a few weeks but I have learnt a great deal and I am happy coming to school.”

Yr 8 learner



“ I have had a good transfer from my primary school and I find this school interesting and a wonderful place to learn.”

Yr 8 learner

Outstanding Achievements

Exam results, both at GCSE and A Level, have continued to improve. This academic success acknowledges the commitment and dedication of both our learners and teachers.

The School is consistently recognised by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust for the outstanding levels of progress made by our learners.

Learning at Harrow High School

Our dedicated and highly skilled staff ensures excellent teaching and learning for all of our learners.

We are a small school with small class sizes and this means more quality time for each and every learner. The personal touch is a defining quality of every child's education at the School. Staff at Harrow High School take pride in understanding and responding to the individual needs of every learner. Our aim is to develop independent learners who are confident, competent and articulate young people.

Outstanding care, guidance and support

We believe the key to success comes from staff and learners understanding their goals and taking the right steps towards them. To support this success, learners and parents receive three progress reports a year. Form tutors will discuss each progress report with every child identifying 'next steps' for success.

Learners' goals are monitored and reviewed regularly and additional support provided where there is a need. Parents are invited to meet subject teachers and form tutors every year to review their child's progress. Meetings are also arranged by Heads of Year to discuss care, guidance and support where an individual learner's need for greater personalisation is identified. Meeting the personal needs of every child really does matter at Harrow High School.

Working with Parents

We understand that parents and those who care for children may wish to be involved in their child's progress and activities at school. As well as three written reports and a parental consultation evening, a 'parent portal' (www.hhsweb.org) gives parents secure online access to real time 'live' information about their child, allowing parents to track everything from achievement to attendance.

Information about key events and learners' achievements are included in our comprehensive weekly Friday letter, issued to learners and also available on the school website.

“The Maths workshop for parents was educational, fun and useful and has helped me help my son in Maths.” *Yr 9 parent*

“I would like to thank the school for arranging workshops; they help us understand more about School.” *Yr 9 parent*



“ I thought it would be hard coming here but it wasn't. The school helped a lot, especially in English.”

16 yr old on achieving 10 GCSE A* grades



“I was elated to be able to speak at the prestigious Harrow School and represent my School.”

Learner at public speaking course



“There is a wide range of help for students and my work experience programme helped me think about the future.”

Yr 10 learner after two weeks work experience

Choice

A wide range of learning opportunities means choice for every learner. Gifted & Talented learners have the chance to excel in a wide variety of fields at Harrow High School. We offer a great deal of choice including Latin classes, extended Maths programmes, cultural visits, the development of creative skills and also sports excellence across many disciplines. In addition, some learners benefit from working with universities on a scholarship basis in Maths and Science.

Academic opportunities allow young people to choose from a GCSE curriculum offer ranging from Law, Psychology and Economics to the 'big three' Sciences (Chemistry, Biology and Physics), Humanities, Languages and Technology. These are all coupled with core learning in English, ICT and Maths where excellence comes as standard.

We look to develop every learner's creative skills, therefore, every young person can enjoy a thriving cultural scene, whether their interest is in Fine Art, Theatre, Music, Modern Sculpture or DJ work. Learners have benefited from DJ workshop sessions, theatre sessions with the Italia Conti School of Performing Arts and the ever popular dance mats. We offer the chance to get involved, be successful and enjoy!

“It was really satisfying to see our learners help each other translate the menu and order in a perfect accent.”

Teacher on a visit with Yr 9 learners to a French Café

“My poem is being published after my teacher told me to enter the Young Writers competition.”

Yr 8 learner



“This was an opportunity to explore the wonders of Maths and it was especially pleasing when a new student like me won the gold medal.”

Winner of UK Maths Challenge



“It was exciting to get behind the camera and pose for shots.”

Learner after attending photography taster course at Thames Valley University



The Curriculum and Vocational Learning

Learners follow a broad and balanced curriculum which equips them with the skills they need to succeed in the 21st Century.

Our Key Stage 3 curriculum is designed to promote learning skills alongside academic development. New learners benefit from a range of cross curricular projects and focus upon developing the skills needed to become independent learners. Key Stage 3 learners also benefit from following Functional Skills qualifications in conjunction with the National Curriculum which means exam success, for some, as early as Year 8.

In Year 9 learners are supported when making option choices for study in Key Stage 4. We offer a wide range of GCSE and BTEC courses to ensure we meet the needs of all our learners.

In recognition of outstanding exam results, the Government awarded the School a second specialism as a centre of Applied Learning. This has enabled us to develop excellent courses in Business complemented by access to the latest ICT resources. We also offer vocational routes in the Arts, Science, Engineering and Travel. Key Stage 4 learners in Year 10 and 11 have the opportunity to follow courses in Construction, Motor Vehicle Maintenance and many other vocational areas through our effective partnerships with local colleges.

As a Specialist Status Sports College we are able to provide an extensive range of sporting opportunities for our learners.

We take real pride in our outstanding Programme for Citizenship and our learners' social and moral development. Praised by Ofsted on several occasions, the programme continues to improve, equipping learners with the skills they need to make a positive contribution to the community.

Harrow High School boasts an industry standard ICT network with over 350 PCs for learner use (just over 1 for every 3 learners). This allows learners to use ICT throughout the curriculum in a way that learners in other schools cannot. Our Pupil Portal means that learners can access all the resources we have at school from home in a safe and secure virtual environment.

“I couldn't believe it when I was chosen to work with top chefs in a professional environment.”
Gifted and talented learner



“I've already booked my place on the trip to the Clothes Show for next year – there were so many great ideas.”

BTEC Fashion learner



Community & Success

We believe that good standards of behaviour promote a supportive and friendly learner community.

As a group they enthusiastically embraced the subject and asked thoughtful and provoking questions."

Course leader from outside agency

"I am highly impressed with the school, the teachers do a marvellous job."

Visitor to the school

"The school is very hospitable and well organised; it was a pleasure teaching the learners."

Ocean Maths

"The opportunity to visit your school was a great privilege and we take home many ideas."

Aquinas College Australia

Contribution to the school and wider community

All our young people are encouraged to participate in our school community on a daily basis. All year groups are represented through the Learner Voice Programme which consists of prefects, ambassadors and the School Council, with our Head Boy and Girl reporting to the School Senior Leadership Team on a regular basis. As well as supporting their peers and staff, learners take responsibility for organising fundraising activities. These include; Poppy Day appeals, Children in Need, Jeans for Genes, The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) and the Willow Foundation. Ambassadors often conduct tours of the school for visitors and are regularly complimented for their friendliness and maturity.

"I believe Learner Voice is very important. Young people need to feel part of the community where they have a voice. They need to develop their ability to debate matters appropriately and the school helps them achieve this skill."

Parent

"When we spoke to the Governors, they listened to our comments."

Learner Voice Team

"I enjoyed talking to the Head Boy and Girl. They were very informative and a pleasure to be with."

Parent after a tour of the School

“The X factor evening had the audience on the edge of their seats with excitement.”

Parent



“The students I spoke to were kind, considerate, polite and welcoming.”

Headteacher from another school



“I am delighted that the school has been awarded a special merit award in the Rolls Royce Science Prize. I will be working with my A level classes on developing GPS and hope we reach the finals.”

Science teacher



“I have had a spectacular golf year and appreciate that the school has personalised my timetable so I could compete.”

Yr 11 learner



“I hope to be selected for the English Schools Athletics team. I have represented Harrow schools in the Middlesex Athletics. I have lots of encouragement from the PE teachers.”

Yr 9 learner

Environment

The historic school building is a landmark in Harrow providing a well-kept and stimulating learning environment.

Our facilities include:

7 well-equipped Science laboratories, including a state of the art 'dry lab' to support Physics teaching.

A fully equipped Technology suite for Catering, Textiles, Fashion & Design, Resistant Materials and Engineering to support our Applied Learning Curriculum.

Excellent facilities for the Arts including a well equipped Drama suite and specialist Dance studio.

Our high quality sporting facilities include floodlight pitches, a multi-use sports hall and a professional standard fitness suite.

Sports

If a learner wishes to excel in sports then we believe in supporting their drive to do so.

An example of this is our successful Basketball team. Our Basketball Academy offers a complete package for our talented athletes. Each learner is timetabled up to 9 hours per week of basketball training which includes team practice, individual one to one development sessions and strength and conditioning workouts.

Each Academy player also has additional in-class support, mentoring sessions with an academic focus. Players on the Academy are given the opportunity to achieve England Basketball Level 1 qualifications in coaching, refereeing and table officiating as well as gaining that experience throughout the year.

“It is going to be challenging to manage my school studies as well as training to be a goal keeper at Watford FC but I know my teachers will help me.”
Member of the U15s football team

“Our football team were second in the Harrow Borough Cup. Next year we are determined to bring home the silverware!”
PE teacher



“I want to be a surgeon. The sixth form is a good environment to be in and I have the time and place to do all my studying.”



Sixth Form Studies at Harrow High School

Harrow High School boasts a vibrant Sixth Form with excellent rates of progression to the best universities. Our sixth formers learn in a newly developed air conditioned business-style environment designed to promote the independent learning skills required in higher education. We believe our exceptional Sixth Form environment plays a positive role in our learners' development and this, combined with a high standard of teaching, leads to excellent A Level grades. The Sixth Form learners make an increased contribution to the life of the school and the wider community with structured fund raising activities.

The majority of learners applying to Universities are accepted on the course of their choice.

What Others Say about Harrow High School

"Your enormous support and kindness were key in the coming together of the community. May I thank you for the almost countless events you have helped me organise."
Navin Shah, London Assembly after charity event

"I would just like to inform you of my interpretation of my son Charles' evaluation of his Induction Day yesterday.

When I asked how he was doing, the message that came back at the end of the day was 'cool'.

When I got in last night he was already in bed and when I went up to see him he said 'can I tell you about my day' or some such words! He said 'It was awesome!'

He enthusiastically related back what he had done during the day, he enjoyed it all, including the lunch! He told me all about his science lesson - in detail! Sounded like a great experiment! I heard about PE/dance, choir, Ms Lee and more. I just wanted to express my appreciation, as I think first impressions count. Thank you to everyone who contributed to his very positive experience and feel."
Yr 7 parent

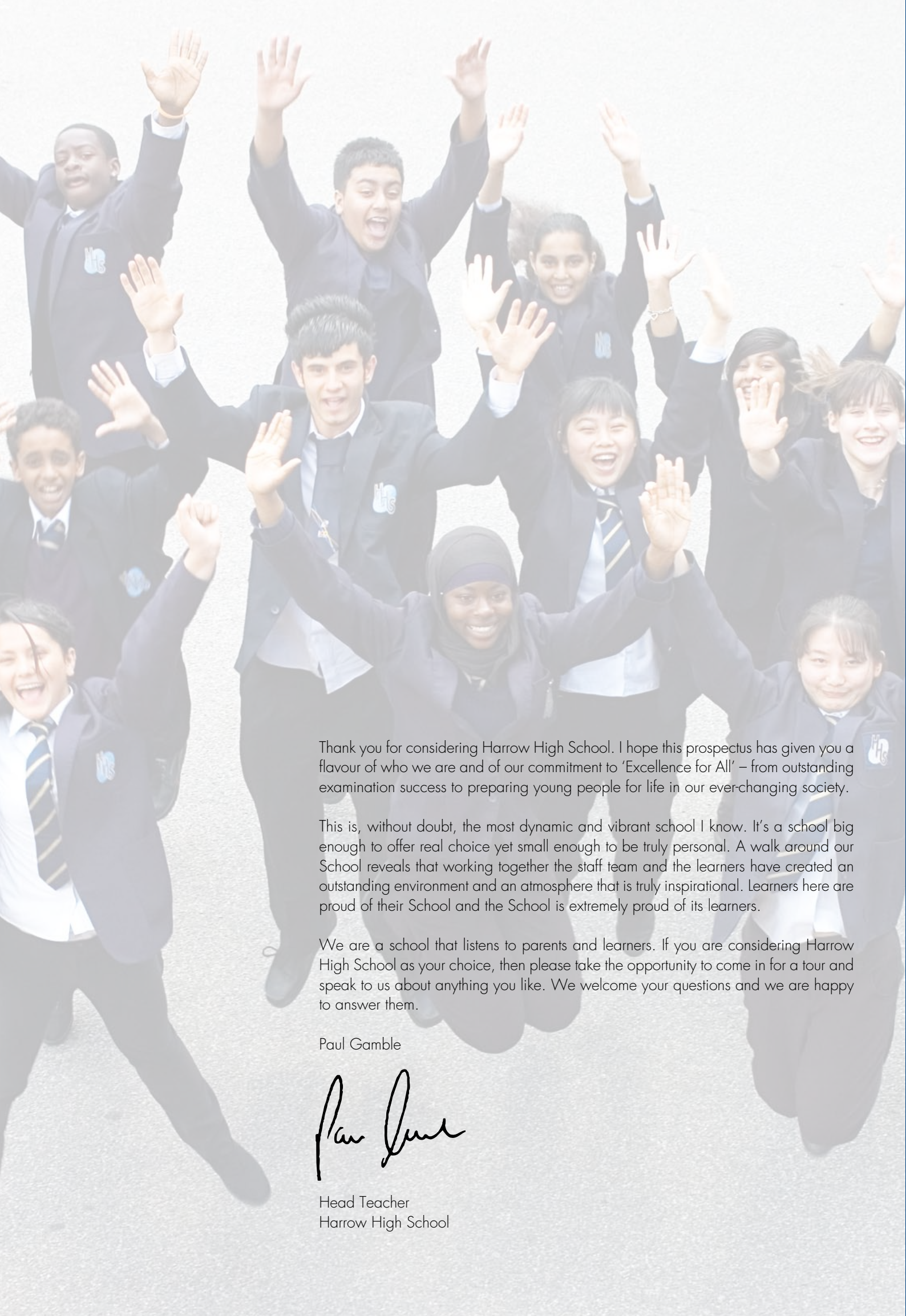
"I want to say how much I enjoyed the Honours Evening. My daughter was very proud and honoured to have her success celebrated this way."
Yr 11 parent

“The facilities in the sixth form building are fantastic but even better, are the teachers who helped me choose what subjects to study.”



“The Willow Foundation expressed their thanks for the enormous support from the sixth form and the amount they raised for the charity.”





Thank you for considering Harrow High School. I hope this prospectus has given you a flavour of who we are and of our commitment to 'Excellence for All' – from outstanding examination success to preparing young people for life in our ever-changing society.

This is, without doubt, the most dynamic and vibrant school I know. It's a school big enough to offer real choice yet small enough to be truly personal. A walk around our School reveals that working together the staff team and the learners have created an outstanding environment and an atmosphere that is truly inspirational. Learners here are proud of their School and the School is extremely proud of its learners.

We are a school that listens to parents and learners. If you are considering Harrow High School as your choice, then please take the opportunity to come in for a tour and speak to us about anything you like. We welcome your questions and we are happy to answer them.

Paul Gamble

Head Teacher
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Celebrating 100 years of learning



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