



Harlington Sixth Form



Prospectus 2017

WELCOME TO HARLINGTON SIXTH FORM



I hope that this prospectus conveys to you something about the special nature of being a Sixth Form student at Harlington Upper School.

Our students make excellent progress, achieve highly and progress to the universities and employment of their choice. However, there is much more to Sixth Form life than just study. We offer a vast range of opportunities for all students and we hope that you will take full advantage of this both in and out of the classroom.

The reason we have so much going on is that we listen to what students want and work together to make things happen.

For example in the past 12 months our current Sixth Form have represented our school community as they:

- Raised thousands of pounds for chosen Sixth Form charities
- Participated in a huge variety of trips including the Southbank Gallery and Tate Modern, Royal Opera House, Globe Theatre, UCAS convention at Excel and Whipsnade Zoo
- Participated in the UK Maths Trust competition
- Visited Amiens Christmas Market with the MFL Department
- Organised and hosted a Christmas party for 120 local Harlington residents
- Exhibited amazing creations and interpretations at the A2/AS Drama and A level Art Exhibitions
- Visited Cadbury's World as part of the AS/A2 Business Studies and Food Technology courses
- Attended an Oxbridge Sixth Form Workshop
- Demonstrated skills in the annual Bake-off-Cookery Competition
- Participated in the Young Enterprise Scheme, Cranfield Business Challenge and Coca Cola Challenge
- Visited the New Designer Graduate Exhibition at the Business Design Centre in London
- Participated in the British Red Cross Dance charity challenge and back stage tours and workshops for Chicago and Thriller
- Performed the play 'The Crucible'
- Visited Belgium on a music tour and a history trip to Berlin
- Design students participated in the 'Rotary Club Challenge'

Over the next few months, students will be:

- Taking part in various trips including the V & A Museum, Cadbury's World, Birmingham and the Geography trip to Iceland
- Participating in a Dance Performance in Coventry
- Taking part in the UK Maths Challenge
- Taking part in a Psychology Conference
- Visiting the Houses of Parliament and Luton Crown Court for Philosophy
- Performing at the SGO National Summit, Ricoh Arena, Coventry
- Visiting the Jaguar Land Rover Management, Bank of England and Woburn Parks for Business and Economics
- Performing in a production of 'Footloose'

Shawn Fell
Headteacher



Welcome to the Sixth Form where achievement and student well being is at the forefront of everything we do. You are at a critical point in your education and planning for your future career starts here. That is why we believe that Harlington is an excellent choice for aspiration and academic achievement.

Harlington staff are committed to students learning, progression and attainment in all subjects. High expectations, respect and being part of a stimulating and rewarding environment ensure that students develop as individuals and achieve their academic potential. Students will be stretched and challenged to ensure that they leave Harlington with the best possible grades to reach the top universities and career path beyond.

"Students leave the school well prepared for adult life to participate fully and positively as responsible citizens"
(Ofsted 2013)

Students will be supported beyond the classroom, through a vast network of careers, information and guidance, in association with a house system, Tutor and of course the Sixth Form Team.

"Students are proud of their school and relish the many opportunities that they have to make a positive contribution. Sixth form students, for example, have roles, such as being House, Charity and Sports Captains."
(Ofsted 2013)

We hope that you choose the community of Harlington Sixth Form as the vital bridge to your future aspirations.

Hannah Sides
Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 5 Achievement



By choosing Harlington Sixth Form, you will enter a community where staff care about you as an individual. You will have access to the best possible advice and support from a wide range of specialists and school based staff who will nurture your skills, talents and aspirations. We offer a vast range of opportunities that we hope you will want to take part in. Student voice is an integral part of shaping and developing our Sixth Form and we look forward to hearing your views and ideas. We want you to be able to progress onto the destination of your choice, whether this is studying at one of the best universities in the country or working for one of the top companies in the world.

Over the next few months you will have to make some exciting decisions about your future. Please use this prospectus, along with our Sixth Form Open Evening, discussions with staff and your parents/carers to make the right choices for you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

As Head of Sixth Form here at Harlington, I feel very privileged to have the pleasure of working daily with fantastic Sixth Form students who are committed, energetic and eager to succeed. I look forward to welcoming you to this community.

Emma Atkins
Head of Sixth Form

CORE CURRICULUM OFFER

We offer a range of traditional academic A Level qualifications alongside the well regarded vocational Level 3 BTEC courses which enable students to develop their applied skills within a work based learning context. We make sure that our students are on appropriate and engaging courses, which will ultimately ensure that they are able to achieve the academic qualifications they require for later life.

You will find enclosed details of our curriculum in the Sixth Form Curriculum Choices guide.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Supported and encouraged by many universities, EPQ is a student-driven qualification that helps learners develop broader and more sophisticated study skills, offering a route into further and higher education and employment. Students have the freedom and responsibility to select topics and projects they are interested in, and then follow a clearly structured process to plan, research their topic and create a product.

Our students chose innovative and exciting project titles that have been highly commended by the exam board, including:

- The dying age of the antibiotics
- Can a gene structure lead to advantages in swimming performance?
- China: An illusion of fortune?
- Can deep sea life affect how humans exist on the surface?

Pastoral Support

Our Sixth Form students are part of the vertical tutoring system at Harlington, arranged in Houses. Form Tutors are able to support students on a day to day basis. Each Assistant Head of Sixth Form is linked to a house and are able to offer further help and guidance to our Sixth Form. Students can approach the Sixth Form office to seek support from staff and we have access to a range of services to which we can refer students.



HOW WE MEET THE NEEDS OF EVERY STUDENT

Sixth Form Studies

Our Sixth Form Studies programmes in Year 12 and 13 are developed to ensure that all students are appropriately supported on their journey through Sixth Form. Students receive an hour presentation and an hour workshop per fortnight.

The Year 12 programme supports students to develop advanced level study and revision skills, as well as equipping them with the tools and understanding to take responsibility for their learning and move forward effectively through the year. In addition, the programme covers key health, emotional, safety and well-being issues, providing students a deeper understanding of these areas and developing strategies to tackle them. As they move towards the second half of the year, the programme focuses mainly on next steps planning and post-Sixth Form options.

In Year 13, the programme continues with next steps advice and guidance. Higher education and other credible alternatives are covered, so that students are well-informed to make their progression decisions and appropriately supported with all aspects of their applications. The programme also includes the development and understanding of key life skills for use in the 'real world', as well as a continuation of health and well-being education.

Gifted and Talented

We offer support to all Sixth Form students who aspire to attend university and we provide a special support programme for those wanting to apply to Oxford, Cambridge or other high performing universities. Our 'Road to Oxbridge Programme' includes tailored support and guidance about applying to Oxbridge, personal statement support and interview preparation.

Careers Advice & Guidance

Choosing the right career path or Higher Education opportunity can often be a challenge. Here at Harlington Sixth Form all Year 12 and 13 students have access to a Careers Advisory Team. They can assist in developing careers management skills and support students making an informed choice for the future. One to one impartial advice and guidance sessions are available to all.

Learning Support

Harlington Sixth Form students are supported in a number of ways. We ensure equal access to academic and physical resources and support Sixth Form students with any specific needs. The department also supports applications for Access Arrangements for examinations.

Student Leadership Opportunities

Sixth Form students at Harlington have lots of opportunities to develop and extend their leadership skills. These skills are in high demand from universities and employers. In a competitive world, Harlington students stand out because of their confidence, maturity and leadership skills.

Amongst the opportunities available are:

- Head Boy/Head Girl Team
- House Captains
- Charity Captains
- Sixth Form Councils
- Young Enterprise
- Peer Mentoring

THE HEAD BOY/HEAD GIRL TEAM 2016 – 2017



Thea O'Brien Mazzy Westwood Jack Goodhand Kieran Morris

Mazzy Westwood – Head Girl
Jack Goodhand – Head Boy
Thea O'Brien – Deputy Head Girl
Kieran Morris – Deputy Head Boy

Coming into my fifth and final year at Harlington as Head Girl leads me to look back on all the incredible opportunities it has to offer. Yes the jump from GCSE to A Level may be quite a daunting thought, but with the support of such a committed Sixth Form Team, you can be the best you can be. Through opportunities such as peer mentoring, student leadership, drama performances and business experiences such as Young Enterprise, you can enrich your learning experience exceptionally, and have your voice heard to make the differences you want to see. Working closely with your teachers and discussing with likeminded students here at Harlington Sixth Form will help you to find the path you wish to follow and help you to understand who you want to be.

Through my studies of History, Drama and English Literature, I aspire to go Southampton University to take further study in Social Modern History.

MAZZY WESTWOOD – HEAD GIRL

The past 4 years that I have spent at Harlington have been some of the most enjoyable of my academic life; it has helped me to develop not only my academic skills but also as a person. The Sixth Form is an extremely friendly environment and poses some wonderful opportunities for students, ranging from sports clubs to leadership. Life at Sixth Form has helped me mature and progress my skills, and my new role on the Head Boy/Head Girl team will further assist me in preparation for University and later life. The best advice I can give a prospective Harlington Sixth Former is to take opportunities and manage your time effectively.

The A-Level subjects I am currently studying are Business, Psychology and Geography; I hope to study Human Resource Management with Psychology at University.

JACK GOODHAND – HEAD BOY

I joined Harlington in Year 12; since then I have had the chance to be involved in a wide range of activities, including being a member of the HBHG team, acting as a peer mentor, visits to the Cavendish Laboratories at Cambridge, attending 'Science Live!' talks in London, not to mention other trips related to my courses. In addition, there are multiple sporting clubs available, as well as school productions and school bands. There are so many opportunities to further yourself as a person once you find your aim; the support from all the teachers helps to facilitate your progress but also stimulate your independence, all whilst developing a multitude of other transferable skills.

Currently, I am studying Physics, Biology and Geography, with the aim to continue to higher education at Southampton University, reading Biomedical Science then undertaking a fourth year in Biomedical Engineering.

THEA O'BRIEN – DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

Having been a passionate member of the Harlington community for four years, I believe that all students have the opportunity at Harlington Sixth Form to excel both personally and academically. The Sixth Form Team provide a supportive and enriching learning environment for students and offers a high quality of education and care for personal and professional development. My time at Harlington has been extremely rewarding and the wide range of opportunities available has helped me develop as an individual. By choosing to study at Harlington, students will be inspired to achieve the best grades possible, which will equip them for further study and future employment.

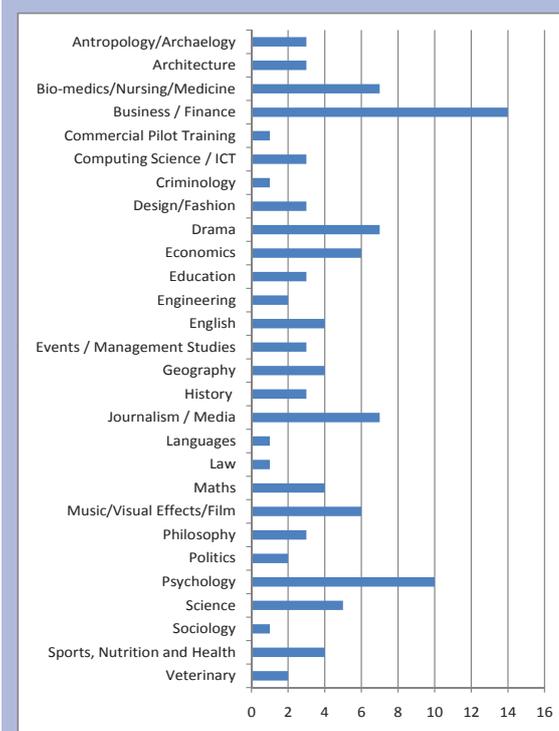
At Sixth Form, I am currently studying English Language, Drama and Media Studies; with the intention of studying Media & Communications at University before possibly completing a postgraduate degree in teacher training.

KIERAN MORRIS – DEPUTY HEAD BOY

EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT AT KEY STAGE 5

We support progression to the best universities, apprenticeships and employment.

SIXTH FORM HIGHER EDUCATION DESTINATIONS AUTUMN 2016



Royal Veterinary College – Veterinary Science/Bio veterinary
 RADA – Acting
 Trinity Laban Conservatoire – Composition
 Academy of Contemporary Music – Music Performance/ Music Production
 University of Brighton – Children’s nursing
 Georgia, USA – Psychology and Golf
 University of Cambridge – History
 London School of Economics – Mathematics and Economics
 Imperial College, London - Mathematics
 University of Birmingham – Anthropology/ Mathematics/ Biology
 University of Leeds – Medical Biochemistry/ Digital Media
 University of Southampton– Archaeology
 University of Edinburgh – Performance Costume
 University of York – Economics/ English and History/ Psychology in Education
 Kings College, London – French with History
 University of Nottingham – Architecture/ Chemistry and Molecular Physics/ Mechanical Engineering/ Philosophy/ Physics with Medical Applications/ English
 University of Bristol – Economics
 University of Manchester – Philosophy and Politics/ Economics
 Apprenticeships at Mercedes Benz, Lockheed Martin, Santander and others in Accountancy and IT

Want to find out more?

Prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to visit us over the course of a typical working day; this will give you the chance to see us in action. Visits can be arranged by prior appointment, so please contact us to arrange a date and time.

Students who apply from other centres will also be invited to a Taster Day in March 2017.

Want to join us?

If Harlington Sixth Form is the place for you, please complete the Preliminary Registration Forms at the back of this pack and hand it to the main school office addressed to Mrs M Brandham/Assistant to the Sixth Form Team. Alternatively, you can download the Preliminary Registration Forms from our website www.harlington.org and email to sixthform@harlington.org.

Applications are requested by 1st November 2016 in order for us to plan the curriculum. After this date we cannot guarantee a place on a specific course. A second application will be due on 23rd January 2017 to confirm your option choices.

Please note that references and examination certificates will be requested from previous educational establishments.

What next?

Attendance at our Sixth Form Induction is mandatory for all prospective students. Provisional dates for this are 26th and 27th June 2017 and letters confirming these dates will be circulated to all students who submit the application form. The Induction Days will give you the chance to experience some Sixth Form lessons at first hand and find out some more details about the day to day running of our Sixth Form.

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