



# Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich

Sport, Health Sciences and Enterprise



ASPIRE, LEARN, SUCCEED



## Welcome from the Chief Executive

The Harris Federation is a London charity with more than twenty years' of experience in education. Our Academies combine the traditional values of good manners, strong discipline and smart uniform with the best of modern teaching and technology.

Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich has established itself as a highly enterprising and very successful member of our group. Working closely together in and around London, our Academies are able to offer a far broader range of opportunities, far better training and professional development for staff and real success for our students.

What makes the Academy so successful? Students who enjoy learning and look forward to coming to school each day; teachers and support staff who are genuinely ambitious for every student; a senior leadership team that consistently sets standards of excellence.

If your daughter wants to come to an Academy with drive and ambition, then I hope you will attend one of its open events to find out more.

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



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 Girls' Academy East Dulwich promotes hard work, curiosity of mind, integrity and ambition. It works tirelessly, in partnership with the other Harris Academies, to ensure the greatest success for every child, regardless of their ability or aptitude.

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

**Lord Harris of Peckham**





# Welcome

 **Harris Girls' Academy**  
East Dulwich

Welcome to Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich, where we want every student to aspire, learn and succeed.

We have high expectations and expect high standards of work and behaviour. Our strong focus on our students being expert learners, leaders within the Academy and responsible for their own learning means that they are at the heart of everything we stand for and everything we do. We want our students to become thoughtful, caring, confident young women whose aims are high, who believe in the importance of being life-long learners, who are equipped to lead their generation, who recognise that anything is possible and always strive to achieve their best. We encourage them to be ambitious, creative and innovative team players who can adapt

effectively to the many roles life will demand of them both now and in the future.

We work in partnership with our community – our students, their families, our staff and governors, those who work with us and those who live in our surrounding area.

If you are interested in joining with us in active partnership in support of your daughter's academic success, then we look forward to working with you at Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich.

**Jane Fletcher – Principal**

# AT A GLANCE:



**Harris Girls' Academy**  
East Dulwich



## Academy Principles...

- 1 The Academy will provide an educational community that is calm, welcoming and inclusive, and in which diversity is celebrated.
- 2 Academy students and staff together strive for academic excellence through collaborative partnerships involving staff, students, parents, and a wide range of external experts.
- 3 Everyone at the Academy will be an effective and self-motivated learner responsible for their own development and learning and for the development and learning of others.
- 4 Learning in the Academy will be high-quality, relevant and production-focused.
- 5 Student leadership and robust student engagement with the Academy will secure excellence for all.
- 6 Creativity, innovation, problem-solving and risk-taking will be features in all aspects of Academy life.
- 7 Active citizenship will be encouraged amongst all students and will develop in our community a strong understanding of, and striving for, social justice locally, nationally and internationally.
- 8 Academy students will develop financial awareness, economic independence and the skills to be leaders, employees, employers and entrepreneurs in the workplace of the 21st century.
- 9 The health and wellbeing of students' own lives and that of their community will be promoted at the Academy.
- 10 The Academy will promote access to a wide network of health communities who can support pathways to careers in this field and our curriculum will support these career choices.

**We're on the same side...**

## Learning is ...

- About developing learning power
- About partnership
- About production
- High quality
- My responsibility
- Independent
- Public
- Relevant
- Shared

## Student Commissioners...

- 1 **Leading the Way**
- 2 **Making Changes**
- 3 **Enriching Experiences**

## Develop your Learning Powers...

- Changing and Learning
- Creativity
- Critical Curiosity
- Learning Relationships
- Meaning Making
- Resilience
- Strategic Awareness

## Harris Values 2011–2012...

- Empathy
- Engagement
- Independence
- Initiative
- Integrity
- Passion
- Resilience
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Tolerance

# Aspire, Learn, Succeed

## HOPE HELPING OTHERS PROMOTING ENTERPRISE

**HOPE is the social enterprise led by students at Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich.**

We aim to raise funds for charities and projects close to our Academy, and close to our hearts. All fundraising is through student work, and they use their talents to make a difference to the lives of others.

### How can you support HOPE?

Why not order delicious freshly-made cupcakes? Or download songs performed by the hugely talented Harris Girls' Academy Choir, including You've Got a Friend, Stand By Me, and The Greatest Love of All, from iTunes – Just 79p each.

**All profits are invested in our community and make a difference to the lives of those around us. Whenever you see the Hope logo, you can be involved in spreading HOPE in our community. To find out more, visit our website at [www.hope-harris.org](http://www.hope-harris.org)**

#### Manchester College

Maths • ICT • Business • PE • Sport

#### Oriel College

English • MFL • Humanities • PSR • Enterprise • RS • Sociology

#### King's College

Science • Health Sciences • Design & Technology • Art • Creative Arts



Specialisms:

Enterprise



Health Sciences

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Sport



#### Cultural Capital:

- Behaving Professionally
- Literacy
- Opening up horizons

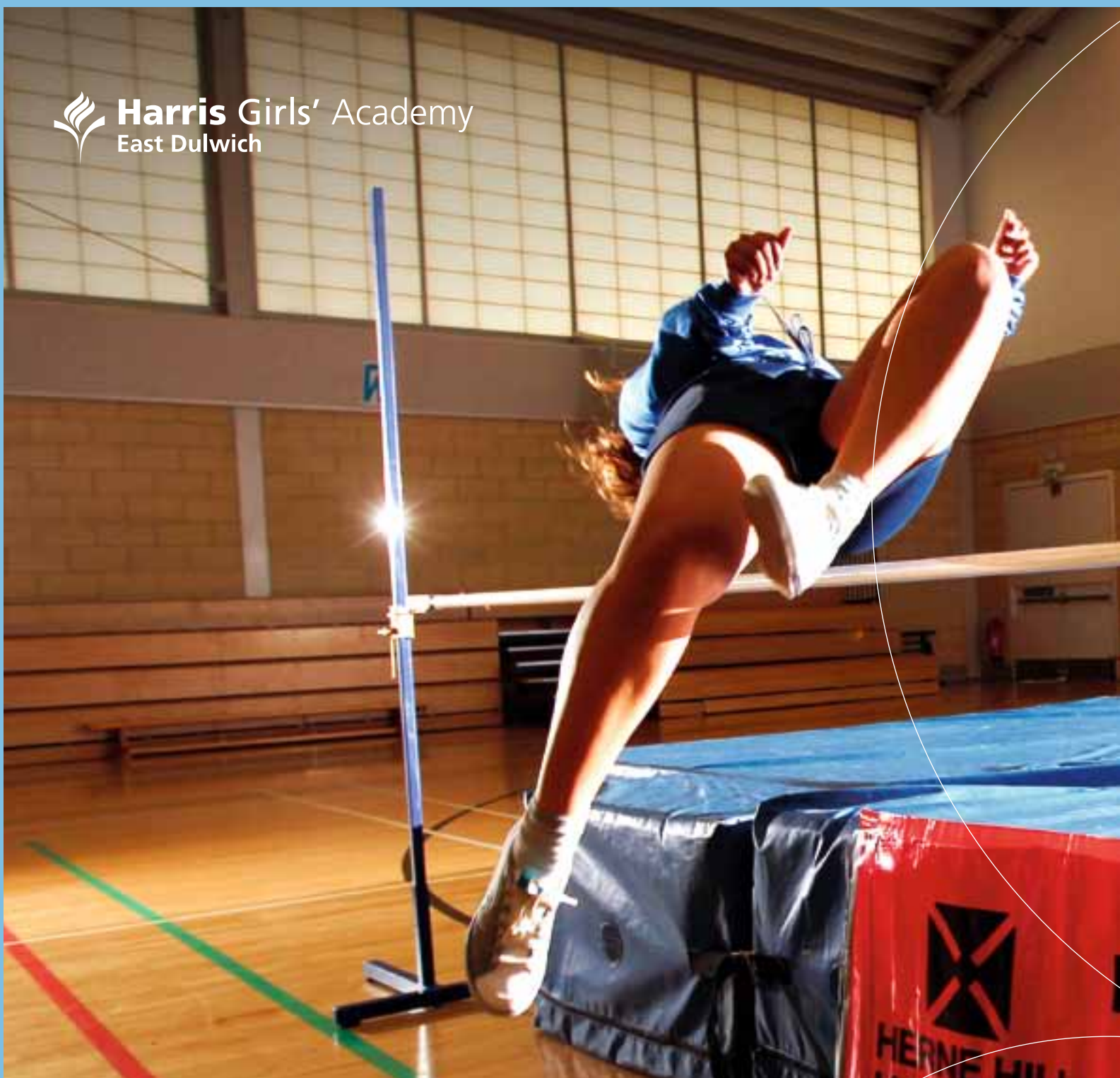
## Harris Manners

- 1 We always walk on the left around the buildings and corridors.
- 2 We don't shout or raise our voices.
- 3 We greet people politely when we meet them around the Academy.
- 4 We hold doors for people and show courtesy at all times.
- 5 We eat only in the dining room and outside – not in any other buildings.
- 6 We don't drop litter or damage property in any way.
- 7 We wear our uniform properly at all times.
- 8 We show respect by being punctual to all lessons.
- 9 We always leave the table in the dining room clear and tidy.
- 10 We are leaders – if we see a problem we deal with it.



## Harris Consequences

Attendance, punctuality and behaviour are very important to us. A1–A4 are our sanction stages when practice does not meet up with our high expectations of every student.



## High Expectations, High Standards

We strongly believe that every one of our students can and should achieve at a high level. We make no excuses; instead, we support every child to ensure that their academic performance reflects the challenging targets we set for each one.

Students at Harris Girls' Academy gain excellent grades in a wide range of academic and vocational subjects, including Maths, English and Triple/Double Science.

Our curriculum offer is wide and our options process allows students to make informed choices over three years to build a portfolio of subjects which will enable them to access their chosen Key Stage 5 courses.

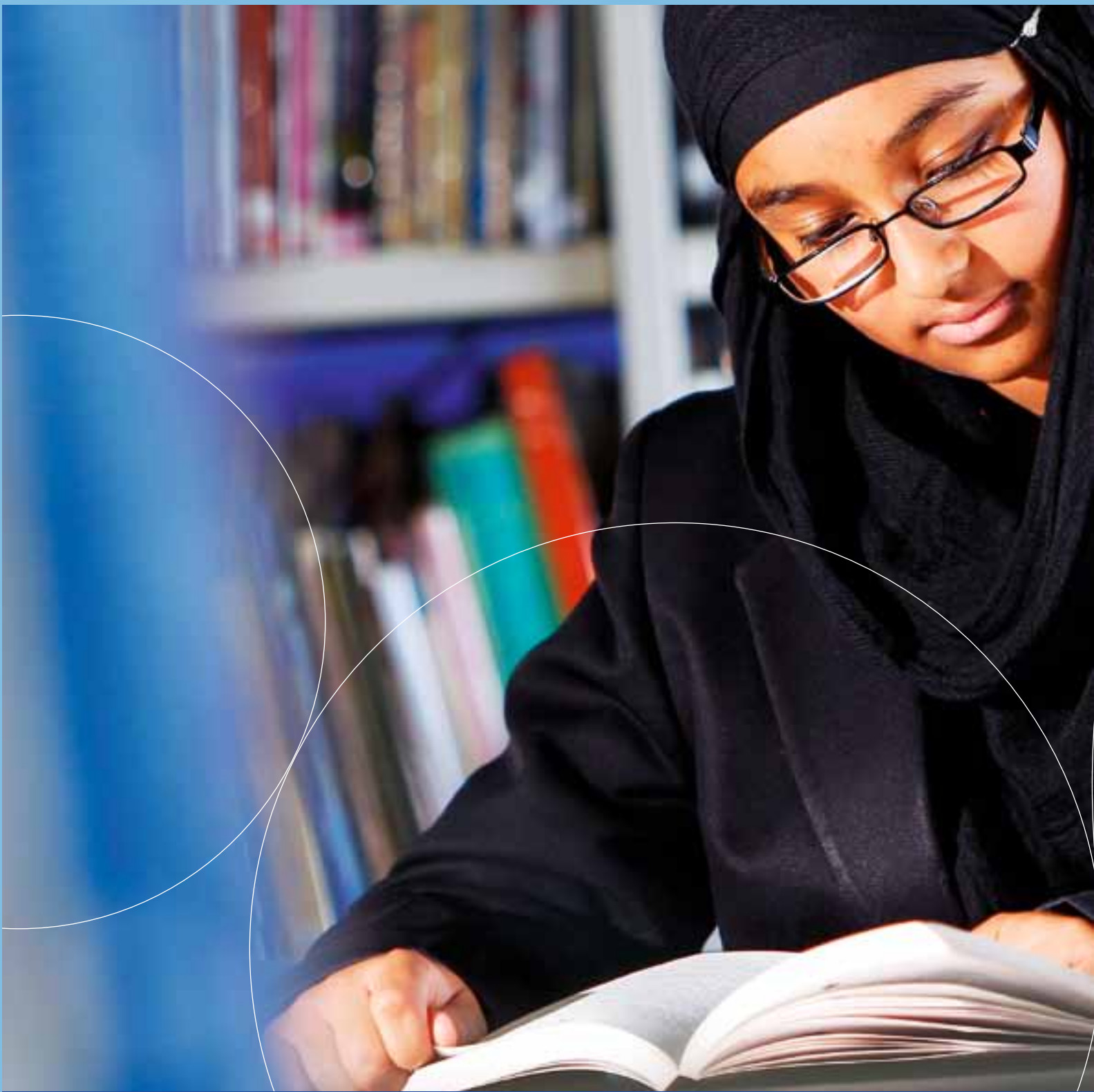
Homework plays an important part in supporting our students and a clear homework timetable is distributed to parents for all year groups.

“The teachers are dedicated and of a high standard. Each teacher takes a genuine interest in encouraging the girls to achieve their full potential.”

PARENT

A photograph of a school sports hall. In the foreground, a red banner is partially visible with the text "Herne Hill Harriers" and "unning towards 2012". In the background, a large table is covered with a blue tarp. A wooden beam is visible above the table. The wall behind the table is decorated with colorful bunting.

Herne Hill Harriers  
unning towards 2012



## Developing Learning Power

From the first day that our students spend with us, we focus on learning.

Year 7 students spend time in their My World lessons developing their 'learning power' – their ability to gain key skills for learning that will support them in becoming independent learners who are successful in their academic studies.

- Changing and Learning
- Creativity
- Critical Curiosity
- Learning Relationships
- Meaning Making
- Resilience
- Strategic Awareness



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“ Learning is about self-discovery. It’s about finding the skills and ability within to succeed in every situation. At HGAED learning means exploring, challenging and re-inventing your world.”

TEACHER




We believe strongly that a high standard of literacy is central to the future success of each of our students. Key Stage 3 students take part in a structured reading programme as part of their homework each week and reading is a key focus of Home Room time.

All departments support the development of literacy as a key Academy focus and the Study Centre is a vibrant place, hosting regular author visits. We have a clear message about learning which is shared with all members of our community.

We believe that work is public, that is, it is for sharing; and that learning at Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich should be:

- My responsibility
- High quality
- Shared
- Relevant
- Production-focused
- Independent
- About developing learning power
- About partnership

We encourage all our students to be proud of the work that they produce, enterprising in their approach and aspirational in their ambitions for their future learning.



“We were delighted to welcome students and members of staff from the East Dulwich Academy to Oxford. We were impressed with the keenness with which they took part in the activities we arranged and it is a real credit to the school that all the students were so polite and well-behaved, and a real joy to have in the College. We hope the day gave them some insight into the College and the University.”

REV RALPH WALLER, PRINCIPAL OF  
HARRIS MANCHESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD



"I have signed up to a lot of after school clubs and they have expanded my learning and opened new horizons."

YEAR 7 STUDENT

## Working in Partnership



Partnership starts with our students, where our message is that "we're on the same side".

Student Commissioners work in a range of areas across the Academy from our Food Focus Group to our Illuminate Researchers who undertake student research in partnership with Goldsmith's University.

Students are expected to take responsibility for their own progress and lead the feedback to their parents about their progress and attainment.

Strong partnerships with external professionals offer students learning opportunities that connect with the workplace and promote the production of high quality artefacts.

Progression accords with King's College London offer our sixth formers a privileged route to access world class university education in a wide range of disciplines. Our close partnership with Harris Manchester Oxford provides our Future First scholarship students with unique access to experience of life as an Oxbridge student.





## Promoting Citizenship

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Student engagement in Academy life is a key principle and our social enterprise company, HOPE (Helping Others, Promoting Enterprise) allows students to manufacture at a high level and use their profits to help those in our community in greatest need.

Student work with charity includes partnership with the Evelina Children's Heart Organisation and supporting a people group in south-east Uganda.

At the heart of the Academy is a strong pastoral system focused around our three Houses – King's, Manchester and Oriel. Students spend time daily with their Learning Coach, focusing on our Harris Manners and the values we promote to encourage students

to become responsible citizens, both now and in the future. Students are supported in developing strong literacy, professional behaviour and opening up their horizons when thinking about their futures.

The Academy runs a series of assemblies and trips which reward positive behaviour and contribution and all students participate in the Vivo miles reward scheme.



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"We are very impressed with the modern building and the state-of-the-art facilities. My daughter has enjoyed the vast range of extra-curricular activities. The school has a fantastic range of incentives and rewards to promote good behaviour, attendance and punctuality."

PARENT

## Enriching Experiences

Here at Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich we have a strong commitment to opening up horizons for our students, offering a breadth and depth of experience that will inspire, enthuse and develop our students.

Connect Radio is run by our students and broadcasts around the Academy and across South London.

Future First is our scholarship programme for students aiming to access Russell Group universities and offers exposure to a range of cultural and social experiences which broaden the experience of students and prepare them for the university application and interview process.

Our Academy specialisms bring many opportunities for students to enrich and broaden their experiences including:

- visits to King's College London's Science department
- work in our simulation suite
- partnership with Natwest to provide banking facilities
- exposure to a wide range of sporting expertise through Harris Fitness, including athletics with Herne Hill Harriers, ballet and gymnastics
- access to peer educators and mentors through our Health Hut provision
- visits, competition and the chance to start up student-led businesses through our Enterprise specialism

Many exciting trips take place each year including visits to the National Theatre, the L'Oreal Institute, the Royal Veterinary College, activity trips in Europe and sailing on the Isle of Wight.

The Harris Girls' Academy Gospel Choir is just one of a diverse range of clubs which runs regularly. Students perform at a range of events and occasions and, having spent time in professional recording studios, sell their tracks on itunes in support of our social enterprise company, HOPE.





The Harris Federation comprises the following Academies:

 **Harris Academy**  
Beckenham

 **Harris Academy**  
Bermondsey

 **Harris Academy**  
Bromley

 **Harris Academy**  
Chafford Hundred

 **Harris City Academy**  
Crystal Palace

 **Harris Boys' Academy**  
East Dulwich

 **Harris Girls' Academy**  
East Dulwich

 **Harris Academy**  
Falconwood

 **Harris Academy**  
Merton

 **Harris Academy**  
Peckham

 **Harris Primary Academy**  
Peckham Park

 **Harris Primary Free School**  
Peckham

 **Harris Academy**  
Purley

 **Harris Academy**  
South Norwood

**Harris Federation**





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