

# Harris Federation

## Post Sixteen Prospectus



A federated Post 16 between

 **Harris Academy**  
Beckenham

 **Harris Girls' Academy**  
East Dulwich

 **Harris Academy**  
Bromley

 **Harris Academy**  
Merton

 **Harris City Academy**  
Crystal Palace

 **Harris Academy**  
Purley

 **Harris Boys' Academy**  
East Dulwich

 **Harris Academy**  
South Norwood

The Harris Federation Post 16 aims to provide high quality education and training for students of all abilities and backgrounds. It is a joint Post 16 campus between eight Academies. The federated Post 16 Academies are Harris Academy Beckenham; Harris Academy Bromley; Harris City Academy Crystal Palace; Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich; Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich; Harris Academy Merton; Harris Academy Purley and Harris Academy South Norwood. Together we provide a wide range of courses taught by highly experienced staff using brand new state-of-the-art facilities; an offer greater than any one school alone can provide.



## Lord Harris of Peckham

"As an employer and a father, I strongly believe that a good education is the best start that you can give a child. Harris Federation Post Sixteen promotes love of learning, willingness to work hard, curiosity, self confidence and a real desire to do well in life. Our Sixth Form offers an outstanding range of courses. I look forward to welcoming you to Harris Federation Post Sixteen and to the Harris Federation."



## Dr Daniel Moynihan Ed.D, M.A., B.Sc. (Econ)

Chief Executive of the Harris Federation

"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 Federation Post 16 has established itself as a highly popular and very successful Sixth Form offering an unrivalled range of successful and valuable 'A' level, Vocational and International Baccalaureate courses. Working closely together in and around London, our Academies are able to offer a far broader range of opportunities, with better training and professional development for staff and real success for our students.

What makes the Harris Federation Post 16 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 son or daughter wants to come to a Post 16 with drive and ambition, then I hope you will attend one of our Open Events to find out more."



**"I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students a happy and fulfilling time at Harris Federation Post 16 and our aim is to give each student the best education possible."**

Lord Harris of Peckham



Ms S Miles,  
Principal of  
Harris Federation Post 16

## Welcome to Harris Federation Post Sixteen

At the Harris Federation we offer a wide range of highly successful academic and vocational courses. These include A/AS Levels, the International Baccalaureate, BTEC Levels 2 and 3 and industry standard ICT qualifications. The range of courses on offer has been carefully selected in order to meet the needs of a wide range of students, including those from Harris Academies and from other schools in the area.

Harris Federation Post 16 offers a broad curriculum at each site. This allows us to accommodate the variety of courses students now wish to follow.

The Harris Federation comprises a successful and vibrant Post 16 where students routinely achieve good grades and progress onto both higher education and successful careers. This reflects not only the range of courses on offer, but also the high quality of teaching and excellent support systems available. Our teachers are very well qualified and they make use of tried and tested teaching techniques coupled with the latest technology, in first class facilities.

In addition, the Federation has a wealth of expert specialist staff on hand to offer advice and help, as well as a system to provide regular feedback to students. Students within the Federation are regularly encouraged to reflect upon their performance with their tutors and to set goals for themselves that will lead to future success.

The majority of our students progress onto Higher Education. Student destinations include all types of universities and colleges across the United Kingdom and beyond. Former Harris students can be found studying for degrees at Oxford and Cambridge as well as for foundation courses at The London Institute. This year agreements have been set up with Kings College London and London Southbank University providing exciting opportunities for Harris students.

We also provide a special coaching course for Oxbridge entry. Among those choosing not to progress to university a number take up management trainee positions across a wide range of commercial and business fields.

If you are interested in being part of a highly successful Post 16 which provides wide choice, close support, excellent advice and guidance along with a wide range of extra-curricular and social activities, then Post 16 at the Harris Federation is for you.

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## A message from the Principals

Read what the Principals from the different Academies have to say about their site and the courses they have on offer:

### Harris Academy Beckenham



The Harris Academy Beckenham Sixth Form offers co-educational high quality teaching in a positive learning environment in which all students are encouraged to strive for academic excellence. It is a growing and dynamic area of the Academy and we look forward to further strengthening our provision through

membership of the Harris Federation Post 16 and by contributing to its future success. Our core values at Post 16 are Commitment, Achievement and Progression and we aim to prepare our students for future success by developing the qualities of leadership and responsibility.

We offer a broad range of academic and vocational courses delivered by subject specialists with a focus on developing the skills of collaborative and independent learning. There are two successful elite sporting programmes available at Harris Academy Beckenham in both football and basketball. These allow students to combine their continuing education with pursuing their sporting careers at a national level of competition.

Outside of the classroom we offer a number of enrichment opportunities which allow our students to develop their skills and set them apart from the competition in the highly competitive employment market and university application process, for example:

- Regular 'Skills Days' for Post 16 students
- A highly successful Extended Project Qualification
- Dedicated Post 16 Careers Tutor to advise and guide on employment routes
- Opportunities to guide the direction of Sixth Form by sitting on the Post 16 committee
- Mentorship and learning assistant roles within the Academy with training provided
- A thriving Community Sports Leader program

We are proud of the pastoral support given to our Post 16 students and the sense of partnership they build with their teachers and tutors. We are currently the fastest growing and most improved Sixth Form in Bromley and with the support of the Harris Post 16 Federation we are aiming to be the best in the borough within the next 2 years.

*Ms R Hickey, Associate Principal*

### Harris Academy Bromley



The Sixth Form at Harris Academy Bromley is a co-educational Sixth Form located in the leafy suburbs on the border between Beckenham and Penge. We are delighted with this comment from our most recent exam report: 'Three year scores indicate overall performance comparable to the top 10% of

schools in the country'. This means that our students achieve on average at least 2 grades higher than students with the same point scores in other institutions nationally, including schools in the selective and independent sector. This is further supported by Ofsted's comment that 'Students completing A level courses make excellent progress.'

We achieve this through:

- Clear and high expectations set for both learning and teaching
- Rigorous monitoring of progress
- Effective intervention strategies such as mentoring and additional support
- Open communication between students and staff, for example through the use of regular surveys
- Structured study lessons

Our wide range of academic, vocational and applied courses allows us to cater for the extensive interests of our students, allowing them to pursue careers that suit them individually. In addition, we offer students the opportunity to complete the Extended Project Qualification – excellent preparation for the independent research required at university.

Our successful Aimhigher and Gifted and Talented programme has allowed us to develop both the skill and expectation in our students to apply successfully to top universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

However our focus, although important, is not only on the academic. Our aim is to prepare students for the world beyond the classroom by ensuring they have the necessary skills to be successful in an ever-changing world. Sixth Form students play an active role in whole-school life, including acting as peer mentors and supporting younger students in their studies.

As part of the Federation we can further increase our offer to our students and we look forward to welcoming you at our open evening events.

*Ms M Davies, Principal*

## Harris City Academy Crystal Palace



The Harris Post 16 Federation delivers an unrivalled education for the young people of South London. All Harris Academies share the common Harris philosophy towards education – traditional values, high expectations, high quality experiences and excellent results. Harris City Academy Crystal Palace is a nationally recognised

outstanding school, delivering a high quality education for each one of our students. As part of the Post 16 Federation, we aim to prepare young people for an ever-changing world that values self-confident, well-educated and enterprising people. To achieve this aim, we provide an education relevant to the 21st Century delivered in an educational environment that emphasises traditional standards of appearance, discipline and respect.

Everything we do at Harris City Academy Crystal Palace, as part of the Harris Post 16 Federation, is centred on ensuring that each individual student is educated and supported to succeed in the world today – as an individual, as a partner, as a member of a team and as a citizen. The education we provide is rooted on high quality teaching with the added dimension that as a Business and Enterprise with Technology Academy we are also able to provide an enhanced range of experiences and opportunities designed to excite and engage.

At Harris City Academy Crystal Palace, a brand new, purpose built Post 16 building came into operation in September 2010 to further enhance the already very good facilities available across the eight Academies. We are committed to the success of each of our students and aim to deliver:

- Exam success – we want our students to get the best possible qualifications
- Challenge, relevance and engagement – we want all our students to be fully involved in their learning
- Appropriate skills for living, for work and for happiness
- Active citizens
- Self-identity and a feeling of self-worth
- Opportunities and experiences that ignite our students
- Healthy habits that are embedded for life

Post 16 provision at Harris City Academy Crystal Palace is outstanding, but do not just take our word for it – come and visit us on our Open Evening.

*Mr S Kenning, Principal*

## Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich



With a new 'state-of-the-art' building, Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich will be a key part of the very successful Harris Federation Post 16 comprising eight Harris Post 16 Centres of academic excellence. Together we are able to offer a wide range of academic

AVAS level and vocational courses to the highest standards, drawing on the tried and tested expertise of Harris Federation staff.

Our own particular contribution to the wider Harris Federation Post 16 will grow and develop and we will draw on our own particular strengths, especially in our specialism of Sport. Our new Academy offers some of the best facilities in the country for popular courses such as Hospitality & Catering, Design Technology, Information Technology as well as a range of traditional A level subjects. These resources, designed for 21st century learning, together with well qualified teaching staff committed to excellence and your success, means Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich, in partnership with the Harris Federation Post 16, is at the leading edge of Post 16 study.

We will provide outstanding Post 16 learning opportunities. Our pledge is to ensure that every student who enrolls in Sixth Form is well supported in order to make excellent progress, to achieve the highest standards and to be fully prepared for higher education or the world of work. As a Post 16 Partnership we are able to offer so much more to meet individual students' needs. I look forward to meeting you at one of our Post 16 Open Events in the near future.

*Mr B Cannon, Principal*



## Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich



Post Sixteen education at the Harris Girls' Academy, East Dulwich is a unique and enriching experience that will give you the opportunity to achieve your future career aspirations without restriction. We benefit greatly by being part of the wider Harris Federation Post 16 that enables us to offer an experience

unrivalled by any other Post 16 provider. Our Sixth Form is mixed and welcomes students of all abilities and backgrounds.

It couldn't be a better time to join our Post 16 team. As a Harris student you can expect the following from us:

- A multi-million pound building project that will be completed in the near future
- A broad range of academic and vocational courses to suit every learner's needs
- Rigorous tracking and monitoring to support results
- Excellent standards through outstanding teaching
- A professional ethos that rewards achievement, success and professional outcomes
- Small group teaching, with targeted one-to-one support to ensure are students achieve their aspirational targets
- An educational experience which is focused on preparing our students for their future career pathways
- State-of-the-art technology to enhance the individual learning experience and portfolio

We believe that every student matters, and to this end we share exceptionally high aspirations for all our students. We encourage them to take up the many opportunities we offer for Post 16 student leadership and to contribute positively both to the Academy and local community. We want them to feel empowered, to take a leading part in their own Post 16 education.

We pride ourselves in preparing students for the challenges that our ever evolving society will bring. To ensure we achieve this aim we constantly evaluate changes in the economy and how these will impact upon our students. This enables us to deliver a student experience that places our students at the very top of the competitive field for either university applications or employment based pathways when they leave us at the Harris Girls' Academy.

*Ms J Fletcher, Principal*

## Harris Academy Merton



Post 16 students who attend Harris Academy Merton are expected to be good role models for our junior students in key stages 3 and 4. As senior students their standard of dress and deportment about the Academy will set a good example of the standards younger students should aspire to. Needless to say

the application to study will be matched by a willingness to participate in enrichment and support activities that are available to work with others in our local and extended community. Our Sixth Formers currently help with sport and train as Leaders to coach competitions and courses for Academy students and for local primary school children who use our facilities.

Post 16 students play a big role in our Student Voice and participate in debates considering Academy developments and proposals. Students also play a role in contributing to peer counselling and mentoring schemes that are offered to the junior students in the Academy. With Sport and Enterprise as our specialisms the resources are first class and the extensive grounds that surround us are kept to a high standard.

During our last Ofsted inspection the whole Academy, including Post 16, was graded as outstanding. They commented on the drive and ambition of all the Post 16 students and how being part of the Federation has enabled the students the opportunity to have the breadth of education no one site alone could offer.

With a dedicated Post 16 block, study base, computer suite and common room Harris Academy Merton has a calm and purposeful ethos that extends throughout our secure and spacious site.

*Mr A Halpin, Principal*

## Harris Academy Purley



In providing our students with a top rate education we want staying on at Post 16 to be the norm not the exception. It is for this reason that we are delighted to be part of the Harris Federation Post 16 and are looking forward to reaching our maximum capacity of 250 students in the near future. As a Harris

Academy, we have the highest expectations of all our students and expect our Sixth Formers to be excellent role models for the rest of the students as well as ambassadors for themselves and the Federation.

We provide a large range of Academic and Vocational courses which will be delivered in our state-of-the-art Academy buildings, with new additional buildings being completed in Summer 2012. As part of our continuing commitment towards providing a 21st Century education, our Academy building is totally wireless and students can access our network and internet anywhere in the Academy with any of our 360 student laptops. Sport and Enterprise are our two specialisms.

As an Academy we have a real focus on 'bringing learning alive' and we look forward to doing that with our new Post 16 students and to seeing you at our Post 16 Open Evening.

*Mrs C A Alcock, Principal*



## Harris Academy South Norwood



What is special about the Harris Academy South Norwood site?

When Ofsted inspected the Academy in January 2010, they judged our Post 16 provision to be outstanding, as well as the whole Academy. We were really pleased with this judgement, given we had only been open for 2 years. We

now have 300 Post 16 students on the South Norwood site and we are full to capacity.

We are lucky to have a fantastic new building and our ICT resources are state-of-the-art. Our teachers and students have an enterprising approach to teaching and learning. We have high aspirations for all our students and every year since opening, results have been outstanding. Teachers really enjoy teaching at South Norwood, although they work incredibly hard. Students in our Post 16 enjoy their learning and they enjoy being part of the South Norwood Community. We have a fantastic head boy and head girl who work alongside many other Post 16 students to support the work of the Academy, for example:

- Fundraising for charity. We are building a classroom for a school in Tanzania
- Mentoring programmes for younger students. Full training given
- A huge variety of work placements in high profile businesses
- An annual Enterprise day, to brush up on those all important skills
- A brilliant enrichment programme, offering a wide range of experiences
- A team of prefects/leaders who take on specific roles in the Academy

We look forward to our new, Year 12 intake each year. They always bring fresh and vibrant ideas that inspire us to improve even further. They are role models for the whole Academy and their achievements in examinations and in securing places at the top universities, reflect the high aspirations we have for all.

***"Achieving Excellence through enterprise"***

*Mr S Hainey, Principal*

# Resources and Facilities: A First Class Learning Environment

To encourage success students are provided with a high quality, very well maintained and technologically advanced environment.

The Harris Federation Post 16 provides this and so much more. Together, our facilities include:

- Purpose built Post 16 blocks
- A business style environment rather than a typical school environment
- Suites of state-of-the-art Science Laboratories
- Music technology rooms
- A mixing studio and radio station
- A fully equipped drama studio & theatre
- Video editing and multimedia equipment
- Fully equipped high specification design technology areas
- Modern Art & Design Studios with ICT equipment
- Multiple ICT suites equipped with the very latest technology
- An Academy-wide Intranet
- Modern Language laboratories
- Well stocked learning resource centres
- Beauty therapy suite
- Industrial Catering Education facilities
- All weather sports pitches and much, much more!





“Students enter the Sixth Form with average attainment and make outstanding progress, in both academic and vocational courses.”

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“At Harris I have really been encouraged to excel in my studies and all students are provided with a positive atmosphere which allows them to enjoy their Post 16 studies.”

Head Boy

## Enterprise

Across the Federation there will be opportunities for you to develop your entrepreneurial talents. There will be a variety of activities and events that will develop your knowledge, skills and attitude of what enterprise is all about. These will ensure you are aware and can develop the key skills such as team work, communication and presentation that employers and higher/further education institutions are looking for in their new recruits. The Harris Federation will have Enterprise as a special theme running across Post 16 study. Students will engage in special enterprise activities and events designed to build self confidence including participation in Young Enterprise, mini-Enterprise and many other activities.

## Extra Curricular Activities

Studying hard is the main reason for taking Post 16 courses within the Federation, but we recognise that students make better progress if they can participate in, and benefit from, a wide range of extra curricular activities. Within the Federation we provide a much wider variety of activities for students to engage in, including the following:

### Extended Programme

Through the extended programme students have the opportunity to gain extra qualifications in areas which complement their chosen courses. Students opt to complete additional studies in areas such as Philosophy, Further Maths, CISCO and the Extended Project. These all carry additional UCAS points and are an excellent way to add breadth to a student's CV.

### Enrichment Courses for Personal Development

Across the Federation we have the scope to offer extensive enrichment activities which can range from sailing to participating in the debating society or learning conversational languages as an additional course. With the addition of the new Academies to the Federation comes additional courses in the shape of the Community Sports Leader award and Duke of Edinburgh award.



## Work Experience

The Harris Federation has many links with business and industry. These are used to provide students with an opportunity to undertake work experience in an area related to their ultimate career interests. Students go through an application process and then negotiate a placement that fits in with their ambitions and timetable. Across the Harris Federation you will have plenty of opportunities to engage in active work with local business and industry. This will vary dependent on the nature of the courses that you choose to study. For example, those following vocational courses will have the opportunity to complete one day per week of work experience in a business that is directly linked to their courses. Also, during the enterprise activities you will have opportunities to work with businesses to solve real business problems. Our approach to work experience and work related learning ensures that you will have plenty of scope to think about your career plan and to discover more about the industries you are thinking of working in.

## More Than Just Study

A wide range of enrichment activities and opportunities are offered to supplement formal studies. In keeping with the Federation's aim to promote a caring community, all Post 16 students in the Harris Federation are encouraged to involve themselves in fundraising activities for charity.

- Meeting the public at Open Evenings
- Assisting with Parent Evenings
- Meeting VIPs brought to the Harris Federation by our Sponsors
- Computer Management
- Contributions to the Harris Federation Yearbook
- Assisting with Sporting Events
- Leading charitable and fundraising events
- Becoming Senior Prefects and members of the Student Voice
- Undertaking mentoring of younger students at primary schools

## Recognising Your Achievements

We place great emphasis on recognising and reporting on your progress and your success, in everything that you do. Thanks to our tracking systems students will always know where they are and what they have to do in order to progress to the next stage. The Harris Federation is committed to student success and when they do succeed we like to celebrate. We recognise success at special Celebration of Achievement Evenings, where students' effort and work will be formally and publicly recognised and special prizes are given to mark outstanding achievement.



**“Personal development in the Sixth Form is outstanding and behaviour is outstanding.”**

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# Responsibilities and Opportunities

Post 16 students are both role models for younger students and the public face of the Harris Federation within the local community.

Our students are aware of this and have worked with us to produce a number of codes of practice that give everyone the opportunity to distinguish themselves as Harris Federation Post 16 students in a positive and productive manner.

## The Harris Post Sixteen dress code involves wearing professional style clothing

The Harris Federation's high expectations are reflected in its dress code. Students are expected to dress in a style that would be suitable in a professional environment. This enables students to be smart in appearance without having to conform to a uniform. The Harris dress code should not be expensive to buy.

### Dress Code

#### Boys

- Formal business suit
- Formal shirt and tie
- Formal shoes (you must be able to polish them)

#### Girls

- Formal business suit (trousers or a skirt that must be at least to the knee)
- Formal blouse or shirt with a collar
- Formal shoes (you must be able to polish them)

#### All

- Jewellery and make-up should be modest and sensible additions to dress
- Colour schemes are at the discretion of individual students but it is expected that a sensible approach will be adopted
- Jeans, leisure wear and trainers are not permitted

### Post 16 Study Base

Students have access to high quality supervised Post 16 study bases which are fully equipped with fast internet-linked computers and work spaces.

### Prefects

Post 16 students are nominated each year to undertake the challenging role of Senior Prefects. They help to keep the Federation running smoothly by leading teams of students who undertake duties and responsibilities. These roles provide an excellent opportunity for personal development and confidence building and students add to their final references.





Staff and students vote at annual elections for a new Head Girl and Head Boy, who are experienced Senior Prefects, to represent the Federation and individual Academies at all official functions. They share in the management of the Post 16 areas and provide regular communication links between the Post 16 students, the Federation and Academy communities and outside agencies. They are ably assisted by the Deputy Head Boy and the Deputy Head Girl and other Senior Prefects. The Head Boy and Head Girl from each Academy act as Ambassadors for the Harris Federation at high profile events and form a Post 16 Federation student leadership team.

## Careers

### Academic Support, Careers Guidance and Mentoring

The Harris Federation places great emphasis on assisting students to plan for the future. With this in mind we offer a particularly strong ongoing programme of academic support and careers education and guidance.

All students receive Careers Education and Guidance as part of their Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme delivered by their tutor.

Unlike other schools, the Harris Federation employs its own dedicated full-time Careers Consultants. This means that advice and guidance are immediately available when they are required.

In addition, academic tutors are responsible for small groups of students. The tutor monitors the progress of students and s/he is the first point of contact for advice and support on academic and other issues. Mentoring is provided on an individual basis. Regular parents' evenings and reports provide a stream of feedback and advice for parents and students.

A specialist programme of PSHE provides help with the preparation of university applications and CVs and the completion of job application forms. At the end of the summer term for a period of 2 weeks, all Level 3 students embark on a programme of work experience, university visits, lectures and short courses further enhancing the students awareness of the opportunities available to them.

### Partnerships with Higher Education

The Harris Federation has many close links with a wide variety of universities and runs an Oxbridge entrants mentoring scheme. These are made full use of to the benefit of students in their progression to higher education.

From September 2011 the Harris Federation are proud to announce progression agreements in a wide range of subjects with Kings College London and London Southbank University. These agreements allow students unrivalled access to facilities, lectures and other opportunities not found elsewhere.

**“Leadership and Management  
at Harris is Outstanding.”**

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# Joining Post Sixteen within The Harris Federation

## Making an Application

Courses on offer are shown on page 20 with further details of the course being found on our website: [www.harrispost16.org.uk](http://www.harrispost16.org.uk). Choose the courses that suit you best. Fill in the application form provided and then send in your application as soon as possible. Popular courses become oversubscribed very quickly so a prompt reply will prevent disappointment. Being a Federation means that Harris can offer a breadth of subjects most other Sixth Form institutions cannot. When making your application, you will be applying to the Harris Federation not to a specific Academy. The Academy you will attend will be discussed at your interview and will be dependent on where you live and the courses you wish to study. Some students may choose to attend two Academies to accommodate their course options. Minibuses (which are free of charge) transport students between the sites. Your base site will be confirmed in the summer once you have your GCSE results.

## To apply

Please fill in the form provided with the prospectus and return to the Harris Federation Post 16 Admissions Manager, Harris Federation Office, 4th Floor Norfolk House, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR0 1LH. If you are applying from another school we will contact your present school and ask them for a reference. We will ask about your achievements, your attitude to study and your likely GCSE results. If the references are good we will invite you in for an interview and following that may make you an offer of a place on condition that you meet our entry requirements.

On receipt of your application we will assess your suitability for a place at the Harris Federation Post 16. You will be sent a date for an interview. These are taking place on Tuesday 24th January, Tuesday 7th February, Wednesday 22nd February, Friday 2nd March, Monday 19th March, Thursday 29th March and Thursday 19th April 2012. We will notify you if we feel you would not benefit from continuing your studies within the Federation. The interview provides an opportunity for us to find out more about you and your plans and enables you to make an informed decision about studying with us. You will be told about the entry qualifications required for the course of study you wish to pursue. After your interview we will write to you informing you of the outcome. If you are not sure which course to apply for but know that you want to study with us, then telephone the Harris Federation Post 16 Admissions Manager, Ms Burgess on 020 8253 7777 or email us at: [info@harrispost16.org.uk](mailto:info@harrispost16.org.uk).

**The deadline for applications for September 2012 is Friday 30th March 2012. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list.**

## What should I do if my grades are disappointing?

Don't worry! We may still be able to accommodate you on different courses. This will be dealt with at enrolment.



**"Results at Post 16 have improved  
by 20% in the last two years."**

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“Teaching and Learning is of a consistently high standard.”

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# Studying within the Harris Federation

To ensure that every student maintains a good standard of work throughout his or her time at the Federation we provide a number of support activities.

## Supported Private Study

This is supervised in the Study Bases where students are expected to work quietly. These sessions help students to organise themselves and make space for social activities at other times.

## Monitoring and Target Setting

Each student is set a series of personalised target grades based on their past academic performance. Achievement against these targets is compared to actual performance on a regular basis. Where current achievement is below the target, a series of study strategies are agreed to close the gap. This process ensures that students are focused throughout their course, that they remain well motivated and retain a sense of realism about their academic performance and possible career options.

## The Tutoring System

Every Post 16 student will be part of a tutor group with an assigned tutor who has responsibility for overseeing students' progress. Deciding on academic targets, discussing progress and working on applications to university or college are undertaken in conjunction with the tutor. In addition, there is a Post 16 Co-ordinator who has overall responsibility for the welfare of students and a Deputy Co-ordinator whose main responsibility is the academic progress of students.

## Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

In Post 16 PSHE, students concentrate on issues of direct relevance to their work and future. Time is spent on developing study skills, in working on careers guidance and in preparing students for the move into higher education or into employment.

## Financial Assistance

There is a full range of travel and other grants available to students who are eligible for them. Full details can be obtained from the Finance Office at your base site. Some students will qualify for financial support under the new Government Educational Bursary scheme, details of which will be sent to you with your enrolment letter. You will be required to bring the required evidence to your enrolment meeting which we are able to keep.



# Types of Study Programme

A broad range of courses are available with something for every student.

## GCE A/AS Level

In order to study GCE A Level courses you will need a minimum of five GCSE passes at A\* to C, with a minimum B grade or above in relevant subjects. GCE A levels are two year courses, many of which are modular. The Advanced Subsidiary (AS) course is the first half of a full GCE A Level and is made up of two or three teaching units. These continue into Year 13 as A2 courses to make full GCE A level qualifications.

## International Baccalaureate

In order to study for this qualification, you will need a minimum of 7 A\*– B grades at GCSE including a B grade or above in a related subject for the subjects to be studied at the Higher Level.

## BTEC Level 3 Diploma

In order to study BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma and Diploma courses, four GCSE passes at A\* to C are required. These are two year full time courses, comprising twelve units. BTEC Level 3 Diploma courses are equivalent to 1, 2 or 3 'A' Levels depending on the size of course taken.

## BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificates

In order to study BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificates or Diplomas, five GCSE passes of A to E with at least 3 at D grade are required.

## Bromley Football Academy

Bromley Football Club of the Blue Square Conference South and Harris Academy Beckenham are pleased to offer an FA approved Football Academy programme for young talented players between the ages of 16 and 19. This course allows players the opportunity to train full time under the guidance of fully Licensed FA coaches whilst continuing in education. The partnership, established in 2007 provides a two year programme that has already created the unique opportunity to play for the Bromley FC first team whilst studying as Sixth Form student. A wide range of academic courses are available within this course and in addition, players are also able to gain FA Coaching Qualifications as part of the programme.



“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Harris, it is an Academy where all students can achieve their goals.”

Head Girl



### Bromley Basketball Academy

Harris Academy Beckenham are pleased to be opening a new Sports Academy in September 2011 that will allow top level Basketball Players aged 16 – 19 the opportunity to train full time under the guidance of fully Licensed English Basketball coaches whilst continuing in education. This new opportunity will also allow players the opportunity to play within the 'Elite' structure of the British Colleges league whilst studying as a Sixth Form student. A wide range of academic courses are available within this course and in addition, players are also able to gain England Basketball Coaching Qualifications as part of the programme.

### Re-sit courses in English and Mathematics GCSE

Re-sit courses in English and Maths are available for those who need to take them. Students taking re-sits should ideally have obtained a D grade.

### Induction Period

Students should enrol for their courses on the published date. There are several elements that make up our induction procedures. There are opportunities to attend taster lessons in the Summer Term, summer homework to be completed before your courses start in September and induction activities in the first week where you can meet other students and key staff. There are also subject based induction programmes. This means all students have a thorough introduction to life at the Harris Federation Post 16 and can embark on their courses with confidence.



# Courses Available at Harris Federation Post 16

## Sport, Performance & Music

A Level PE  
BTEC Level 2 & 3 Sport  
BTEC Level 2 & 3 Performing Arts  
A Level Dance  
BTEC Level 3 Dance  
A Level Drama & Theatre Studies  
A Level Music  
A Level Music Technology  
BTEC Level 3 Music

## International Baccalaureate

English	Geography
French	Psychology
Mandarin	Business & Management
Spanish	Economics
Maths	Design
Biology	Technology
Chemistry	Visual Art
Physics	Film
History	

## Business & ICT

A Level Business Studies  
BTEC Level 2 & 3 Business  
BTEC Level 3 Business (Retail)  
A Level ICT  
A Level Computing  
BTEC Level 2 & 3 ICT  
A Level Economics  
CISCO

## English, Media & Languages

A Level English Literature  
A Level English Language & Literature  
A Level Media Studies  
BTEC Level 2 & 3 Media and Media Production  
A Level Film Studies  
A Level Photography  
AS Critical Thinking  
A Level French  
A Level Russian  
A Level Spanish





## Art & Design & Technology

A Level Art  
BTEC Level 2 & 3 Art & Design  
A Level Food Technology  
BTEC Level 3 Hospitality  
A Level Graphics  
A Level Resistant Materials  
A Level Textiles  
BTEC Level 2 Construction

## Humanities

A Level Geography  
BTEC Level 2 & 3 Travel & Tourism  
A Level History  
A Level Government & Politics  
A Level Psychology  
A Level Religious Studies  
A Level Sociology  
BTEC Level 2 & 3 Health & Social Care  
A Level Health & Social Care  
A Level Philosophy & Ethics  
A Level Law  
BTEC Level 3 Public Services

## Maths & Science

A Level Maths  
AS Further Maths  
A Level Biology and Human Biology  
A Level Chemistry  
A Level Physics  
BTEC Level 3 Science  
A Level Applied Science



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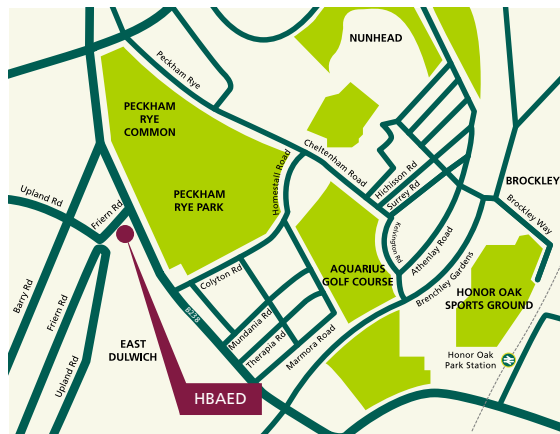
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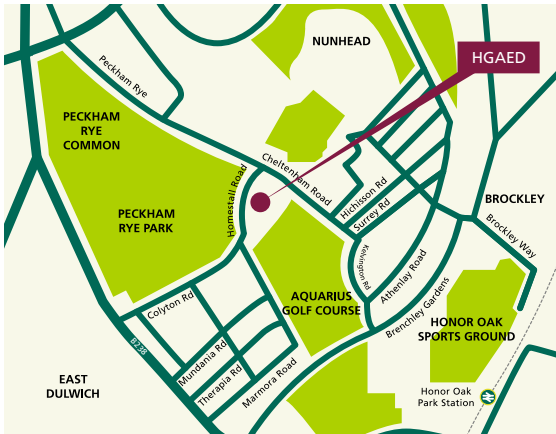
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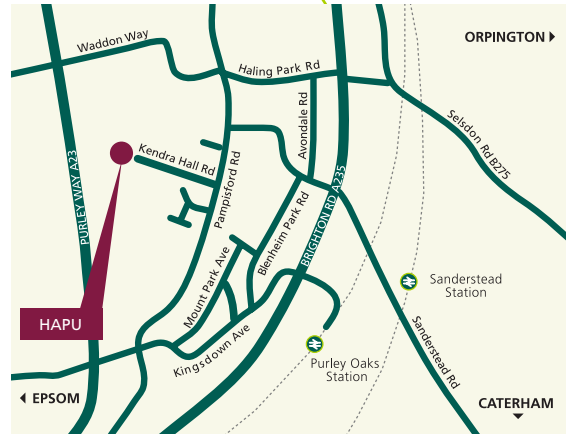
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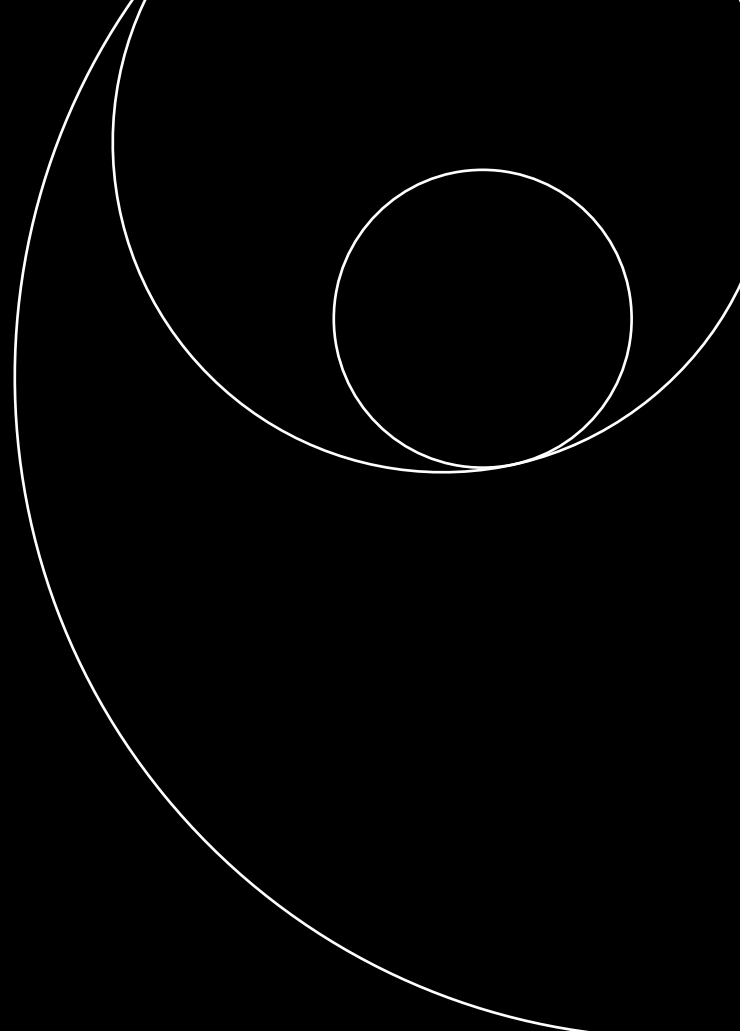




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