



Harris Academy Falconwood

Enterprise and Sport



PROSPECTUS

An Academy with drive and ambition

Introducing the Harris Academy Falconwood

Our Academy is part of the Harris Federation, a registered charity with over twenty years' experience in education. The Chief Executive of the Harris Federation is Dr Daniel Moynihan.



Our Academies combine the traditional values of good manners, strong discipline and smart uniform with the best of modern teaching and technology.

Harris Academy Falconwood 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 son or 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.

Daniel Moynihan.

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

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read this prospectus.

Our Academy has a “can-do” enterprising culture. Our students know that, through hard work and determination, they can achieve anything and everything they set their minds to.

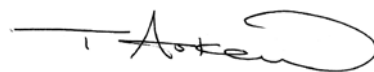
We combine the traditional values of discipline, respect and good behaviour with contemporary best practice in teaching and technology. With these core principles in place, we develop our students into happy, educated young people with the desire and drive to succeed.

It is very important to us that, whatever an individual student's starting point is, he or she is given the opportunities needed to achieve his or her personal best. We are therefore particularly excited about our brand new state of the art building, offering our students the best possible learning environment.

The best way of finding out whether our Academy is right for your son or daughter is to visit us. I hope you will be able to come to one of our Open Events.

I very much look forward to meeting you and your son or daughter.

With best wishes



Ms Terrie Askew – Principal, Harris Academy Falconwood



“This is an outstanding Academy – Overall effectiveness – Outstanding.”

Ofsted, March 2011

An Academy with drive and ambition

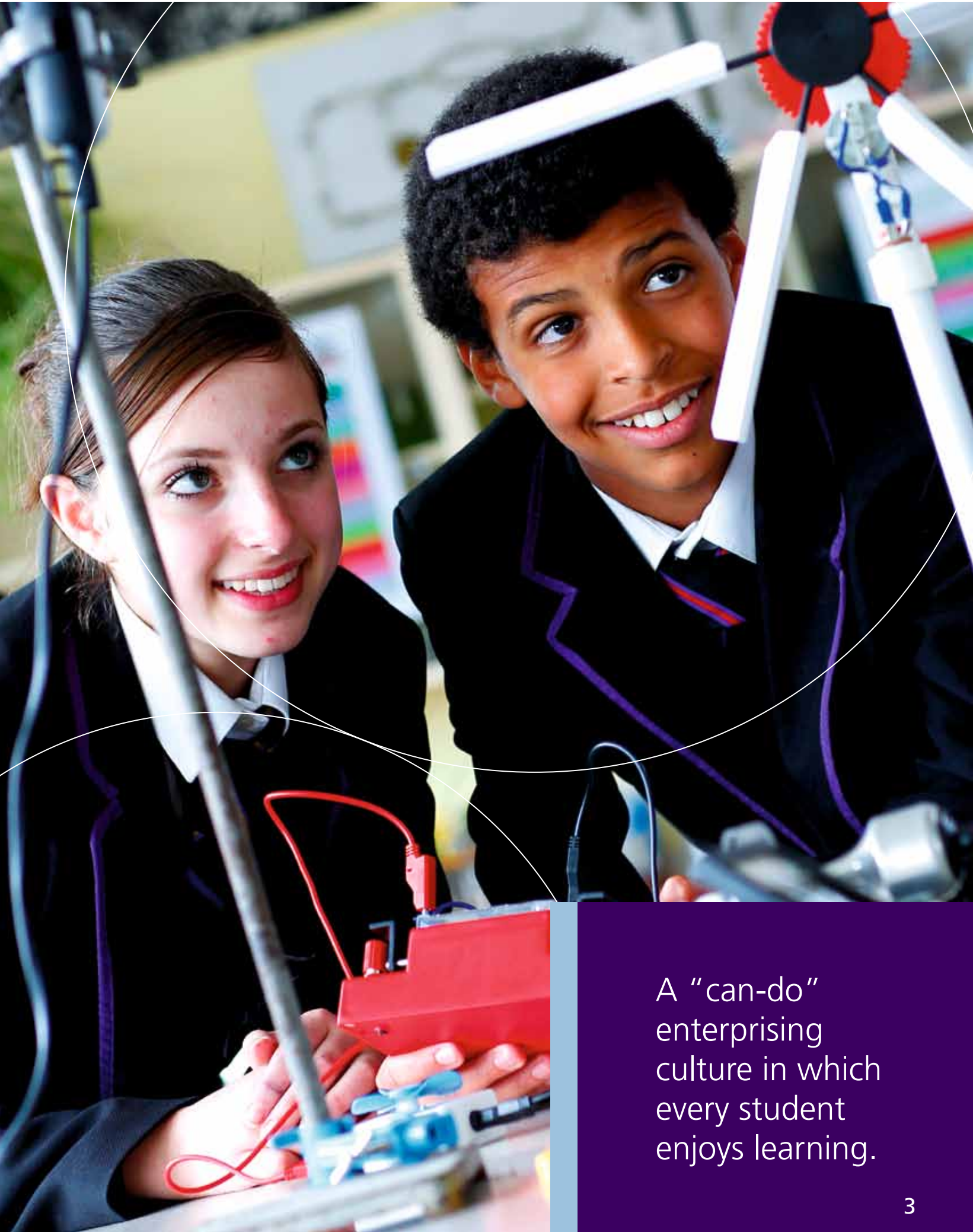
We welcome students of all abilities and from all backgrounds. Our teachers take the time to get to know and understand each student. Whether they need to be stretched, are struggling or are somewhere in the middle, we always meet their needs.

The Academy has a "can-do", enterprising culture. This means:

- Offering a full, broad and balanced curriculum and ensuring students of all academic abilities enjoy learning;
- Giving each student the individual care and attention they need to thrive and achieve their personal best;
- Treating each other with care and respect and maintaining a safe and orderly environment;
- Running a fun and exciting range of extracurricular activities;
- Having high expectations and a Sixth Form worth staying on for.

There are 800 students in Years 7 to 11 with 180 places available in Year 7. We are a state funded independent school and all places are free of charge. Our full admissions policy is included as an insert at the back of this prospectus. The Academy does not operate a sibling policy.





A “can-do”
enterprising
culture in which
every student
enjoys learning.

From Day One,
our Year 7 students
feel welcome, cared
for and part of
our community.

“There is a strong sense of
community within the Academy.

This is an Outstanding Academy
because it has successfully and
rapidly improved students’ future
opportunities by:

- Helping them to acquire the
skills and knowledge needed
to gain qualifications at an
appropriate level,
- Engendering greater
aspirations for the future.”

Ofsted, March 2011



Welcoming & nurturing our Year 7 students

It is important to us that, from Day One, our Year 7 students feel welcome, cared for and part of our community. By feeling settled early on, they can begin to grasp all that we have to offer: academic, social and extracurricular.

Our Academy is small enough that the Principal knows the students. Every Year 7 is allocated his/her own tutor who coaches them, sets goals with him/her and makes sure he/she settles in well. Class sizes are kept as small as possible. We also have a culture of mutual respect between students and staff and zero tolerance of bullying in any form.

Through our Faculty system we encourage friendship and healthy competition. Students are placed into a tutor group which belongs to one of our four Faculties. Each Faculty contains tutor groups from all year groups. By putting students into these smaller communities, they feel a greater sense of belonging. We run all manner of inter-faculty competitions and students are encouraged to win points for their Faculty through good attendance and behaviour.

We want parents to feel involved and informed about their son's/daughter's education. This is why we send reports home every six weeks and regularly welcome parents to come and meet with their son's/daughter's teachers.

“The extent to which the curriculum meets students’ needs is Outstanding”

Ofsted, March 2011

A well-rounded education with a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy.



Bringing learning alive



We follow a full, broad and balanced curriculum and help every student find something they can excel at. Those who need it are offered additional support across the curriculum, especially in English and maths.

For our gifted and talented students, we offer a range of more challenging courses. Students are set homework each day. In Year 7, this is usually 2 or 3 subjects a night.

Our specialisms are in enterprise and sport. These are taught in addition to all the normal subjects you would expect to find at a school. In our experience, the skills promoted by

these subjects – team work, confidence and creativity – are key skills for life and help students do better across the curriculum.

Our bright, airy and modern new building has excellent facilities for our specialist subjects and many others.

But learning does not begin and end at the Academy gates. All of our students regularly participate in trips, work placements and activity days. In addition to what they learn in the classroom, these initiatives help bring learning alive.

Extracurricular activities

We believe that a student's time at the Academy is not only about academic performance, it is also about discovering and developing skills and talents outside the classroom. This is why we encourage students to participate in a broad range of enrichment activities.

Wherever there is demand for a club or activity, we will always try to find a way to make it happen. We want every student to have the chance to find an activity he/she is good at.



"We were impressed by the range of activities students take part in, not just in lessons but also in the enrichment time and other projects."

"The effectiveness of leadership and management is Outstanding."

Ofsted, March 2011





Fulfilling high expectations

Students are expected to behave well, take on their fair share of responsibilities and contribute to Academy life.

By taking on positions of responsibility in the Academy, students flourish inside and outside the classroom and are prepared to become active, confident and responsible citizens.

Whether a student directs a play, captains a sports team or plays in a band, there are countless opportunities to acquire skills such as leadership, team work and initiative-taking.

Our Sixth Form further increases the opportunities open to our students. It offers excellent courses and a wide variety of activities, giving students the chance to develop into responsible adults with the drive and ambition to fulfil their personal best.

Students flourish
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and outside
the classroom.

The Harris Federation

Our Academy is sponsored by the Harris Federation, a registered charity with over 20 years' experience in running schools. The Federation runs a number of successful Academies.

The Federation has an exceptional track record in providing high quality schools. All of its Academies are achieving sustained improvement at GCSE and consistently positive Ofsted inspections. Likewise, all are popular with local families and are oversubscribed.

The work of the Federation is made possible through the generous financial support of Lord Harris of Peckham and is brought to life by a team of excellent teachers and leaders. The Chief Executive of the Federation is Dr Dan Moynihan who has over 25 years' experience in education.





"As an employer and a father I strongly believe that a good education is the best start in life that you can give a child. Harris Academy Falconwood 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 Open Evening to see for yourself the difference the Academy is making."



Lord Harris of Peckham
Sponsor of the Harris Academy Falconwood



Academy Governing Body

“The effectiveness of the
Governing Body – Outstanding.”

Ofsted, March 2011

Whilst the Academy is outside of Local Authority control, it is accountable to an Academy Governing Body (AGB). The AGB is an independent body and is responsible, with the Principal, for setting and monitoring the educational direction of the Academy and the targets to be achieved over time.

The AGB includes representation from the teaching and non-teaching staff, parents and the Local Authority. Each AGB Chair sits on the Board of the Harris Federation.

The Chair of our AGB is Mrs Beverley Johnston.
The Clerk to the Governors is Mrs Julie Jones c/o
Harris Academy Falconwood.



The Harris Federation comprises the following Academies:



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