



PROSPECTUS

Ofsted has judged us to be a GOOD school



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 Academy Peckham 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.

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 Academy Peckham 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

“Students value their education and want to succeed.” OFSTED

Harris Academy Peckham is a place where all flourish, all feel valued and where achievement is the key to success.

Welcome

At our Academy we work closely with parents and carers. It is the only way we can achieve success. We are committed to providing a happy, safe and caring environment in which every student is supported.

We have high expectations in terms of standards of behaviour and work. We nurture individual talents and abilities and promote a positive ethos of reward and praise. We recognise the students who are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing and celebrate their achievements at every opportunity.

Catharine Loxton
Principal





“My child enjoys school and has not missed one day since the term began.” PARENT

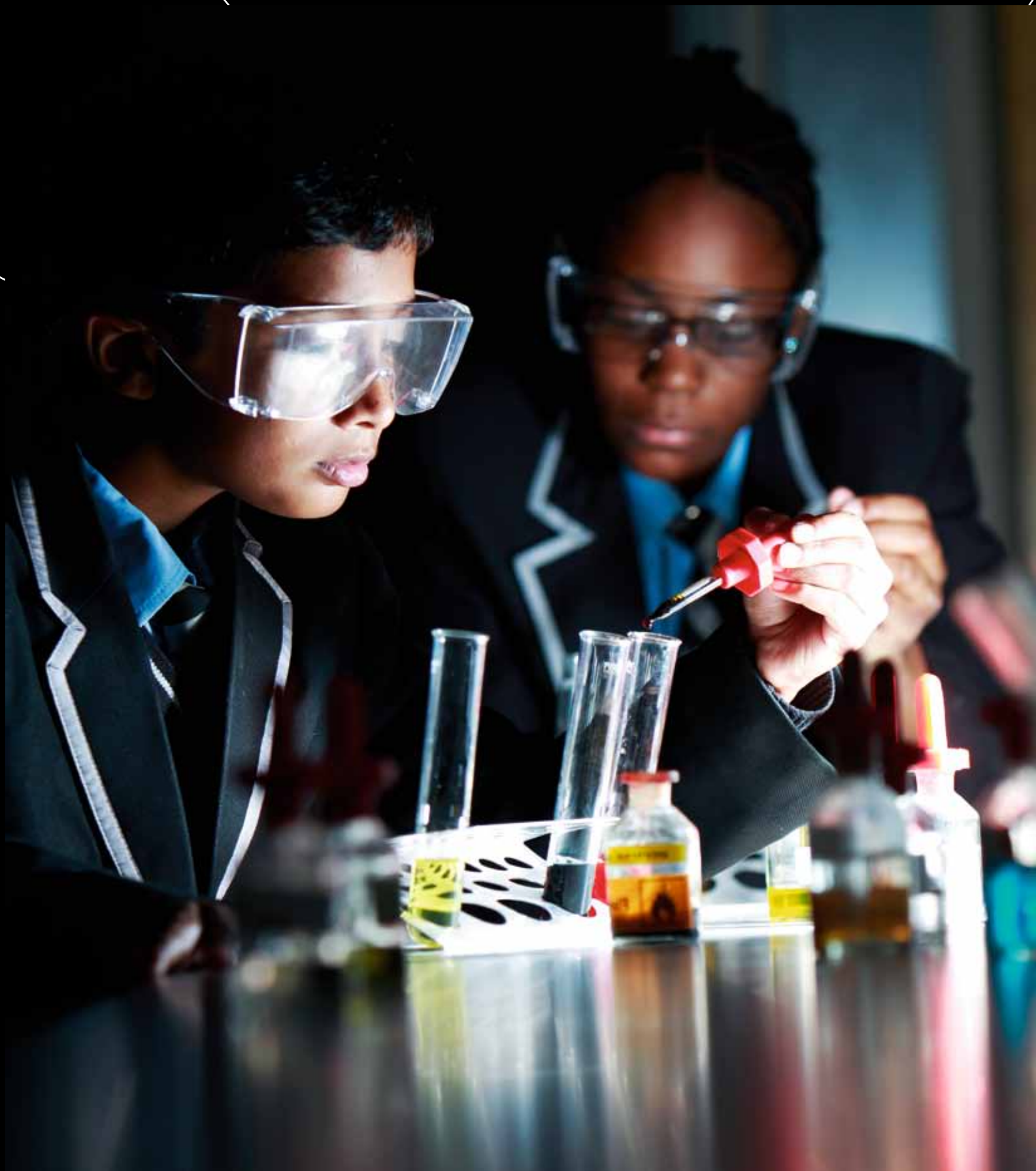
A Place of Opportunity

We give our students as many opportunities as possible. No matter what their ability, we want them to learn and experience as much as they can during their time at the Academy. This means that, alongside a strong academic education, we offer things that other schools don't.

These extra features include:

- A unique mix of academic and vocational courses
- A superbly equipped working garage, hair and beauty salon and training kitchen
- A Space Centre that provides support wherever it's needed
- A very active Performing Arts programme of dance, drama and music
- A wide choice of Business and Enterprise qualifications
- A Sixth Form that provides individual support in and out of school hours, as well as work experience





“The commitment shown by the teachers and support staff to keep students safe in the Academy is impressive.” OFSTED



A Place of Learning and Success

Our students follow a tailor-made mix of courses in addition to the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. By assessing students regularly, we develop individualised pathways that ensure they each receive all the support and challenge they require to give them the best options for post-16 study, the world of work and beyond.

Key Stage 3 lasts for two years (Years 7 and 8) and in Year 8 students choose their preferences for Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11). From Year 9, the majority of students will follow pathways studying English, Maths, Science, RE, PE and a modern foreign language as core subjects. The Academy offers a variety of science courses and students are able to take three separate sciences at GCSE. We offer a range of vocational qualifications as well as GCSEs in History, Geography, Citizenship, ICT and Design Technology.

We provide specialist support in Literacy and Numeracy for those students who require it and this is reflected in one of our option pathways at Key Stage 4. In addition, we have an extensive programme to challenge our gifted and talented students.

Our young people learn in small groups of no more than 25 students of similar ability. Our dedicated staff care deeply about students' progress and wellbeing, often providing help outside of the school day. Rigorous and regular assessment allows all students to understand what they have to do to improve their grades and develop their skills for wider learning opportunities. Setting of personalised targets for each student is the foundation for the Academy's successful, tailor-made approach to learning.



An Exciting Place to Be

Our two specialisms of Performing Arts and Business and Enterprise make the Academy an exciting and vibrant place. Students are given engaging opportunities to learn, participate in activities and experience the world of work within a friendly and safe environment.

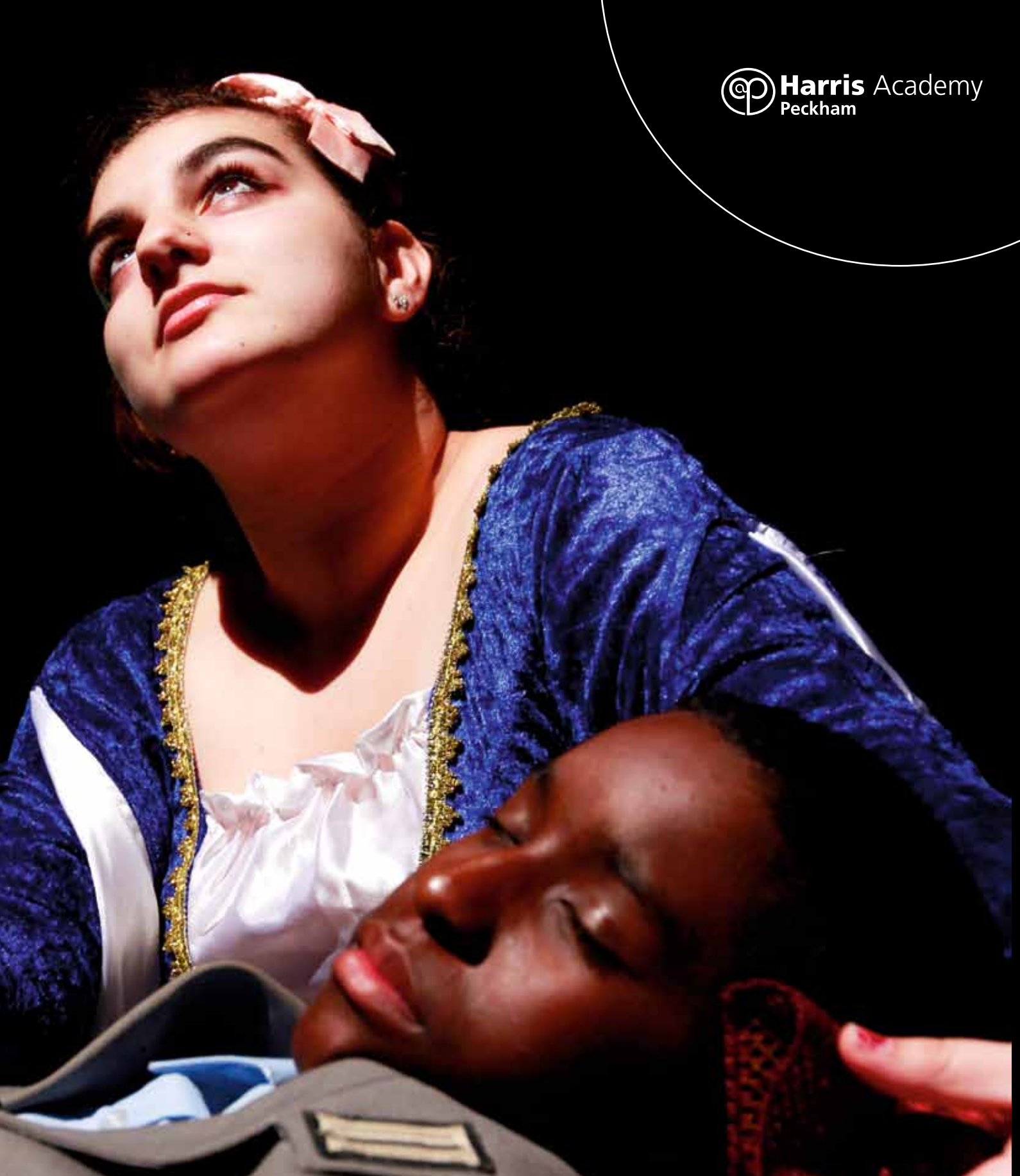
As Ofsted puts it, "The Academy is actively building on the continuing success of its performing arts and business and enterprise specialisms to raise students' aspirations of what they can achieve."

Our Performing Arts specialism has Arts Council England's prestigious Artsmark Gold status, recognising our excellence in and commitment to the arts. All students learn music, dance and drama in the curriculum and later can specialise in BTEC level 2 and 3 courses in Performing Arts, Dance, Music and Music Technology. Our extensive range of enrichment activities, after-school clubs and scholarships include opportunities that range from a dance club to a jazz band.

Every year we hold special weeks that focus specifically on the arts and on enterprise, which the students thoroughly enjoy. Working with a wide range of visiting artists, organisations and entrepreneurs, we develop cross-curricular themes and tools to aid learning and success. We also use our specialisms to promote a range of activities, such as arts days and enterprise days, within our feeder primary schools and those Year 5 and 6 students who have visited us are well placed to develop this work.

Our Business and Enterprise specialism brings real life to the classroom. Many students focus on enterprise by choosing from our range of vocational courses including Business and Enterprise; Travel and Tourism; Media; Health and Social Care; Hairdressing and Beauty Services; Hospitality and Catering; and Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Engineering. Our success rate in these subjects and the specialist facilities we have to teach them with are unrivalled. As a community school, local people also make use of our facilities outside of Academy hours, adding rich and diverse opportunities to the local area.





“This is a vibrant and energetic learning environment where everyone is challenged.”

TEACHER

A Chance to Shine

Everyone at the Academy is given the chance to find out what they are good at. We have a large and unusual range of out-of-school clubs and activities. Students can, for example, learn a language, play the drums or become a cheerleader.

Some choose to be part of our Student Council to get involved in the way the school is run. Others prefer to train in one of the diverse sports we offer – such as basketball, netball, rugby, boxing and many more.

Our facilities include a fantastic Learning Resource Centre, dance and drama studios, a sports hall and an astroturf pitch.

We want everyone to discover their talent by giving everybody equal opportunity to shine, regardless of their cultural background, religious beliefs or ability.



“Throughout the Academy, there is an extensive range of cultural, sporting and performing arts activities.” OFSTED





Teamwork

We're proud to be part of the vibrant local community of Peckham. We are delighted to share some of our facilities with the community and invite them to join us for workshops and events. Many students also take part in fundraising and community service activities.

We have a firm but fair standard of discipline here. We ask for high standards of courtesy. In return we provide a place where students can feel safe, valued and confident to learn.

The partnership between home and school is the key to our success. It is only with the help of parents and carers that we can create a secure and effective learning environment, in which students can develop their talents, aim high and believe they can achieve their ambitions.



“Harris Academy Peckham provides a good standard of education.” OFSTED



A Warm Welcome

On behalf of the Governors, I look forward to welcoming you to our Academy.

Our aim is to offer every student the opportunity to develop their potential to the maximum – in their learning, in preparation for the world of work and in their contribution to society.

We are very fortunate to have skilled and dedicated staff who want our students to enjoy their education. They are committed to helping every young person to reach their own personal goals.

Join with us in making the Harris Academy Peckham better every year.

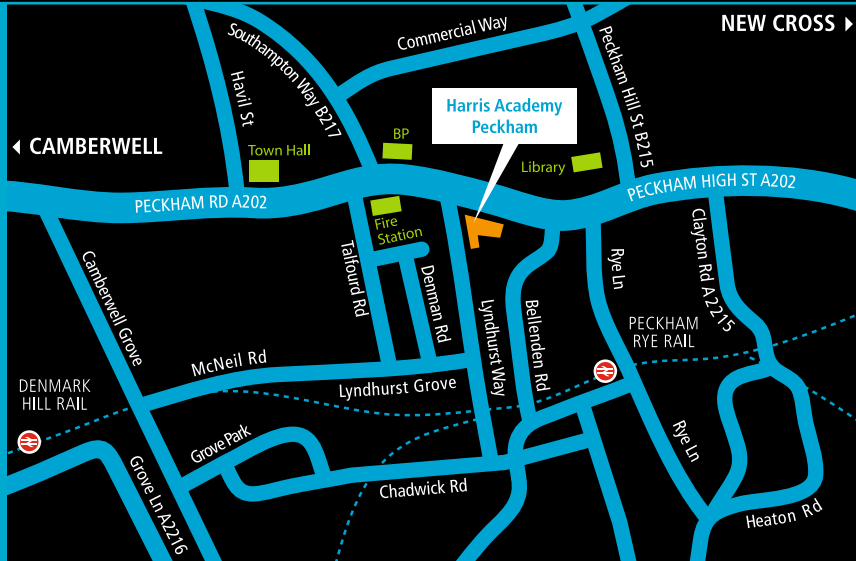
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