



Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich

Enterprise and Sport

PROSPECTUS 2011



A new school for boys

Our Academy is set up by the Harris Federation of South London Schools, a registered charity with almost twenty years' experience in education. The Chief Executive of the Harris Federation is Dr Daniel Moynihan.



Harris Federation of South London Schools is the leading group of Academies in England. Four of the six Harris Academies inspected so far have been judged to be Outstanding schools by Ofsted Inspectors, a remarkable record, and one which we are determined to further improve upon in the future.

Our young people deserve the very best education and working closely together, benefitting from sponsorship by Lord Harris of Peckham, the Harris Academies are able to offer a far broader and higher quality range of educational opportunities than could any single school working alone. In choosing a Harris Academy for your son or daughter you are gaining the expertise and commitment for your child, not just of that Academy but also of the whole Harris Federation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Moynihan".

Dr Daniel Moynihan Ed.D, MA, B.Sc (Econ).
Chief Executive of the
Harris Federation of South London Schools

Welcome from the Principal



Welcome to our Academy. In this Prospectus you will find information about our Academy, the first All Boys' Academy in England, which opened to Year 7 students for the first time in September 2009. Your son will join us in our new building which opened for the first time in September 2010.

Our aim and expectation is that each and every student who joins us achieves his "personal best" in all aspects of Academy life. Our Sport & Enterprise Specialisms foster a "can-do" ethos, promoting a climate of self confidence, initiative and creativity. We aim to provide a safe and secure environment which allows learning and achievement to thrive.

The Academy offers a full, broad and balanced range of subjects and we aim to keep class sizes as small as possible to ensure every student receives the attention he needs. But we also believe that learning does not begin and end at the classroom door. Our range of extra curricular activities is outstanding.

Inside and outside the classroom we emphasise integrity and good manners and we promote strong interpersonal skills and the aspiration to be successful. In doing so, we are aiming to equip our young men to be responsible and active citizens.

Our Sixth Form will be run in partnership with the very successful Harris Federation Post 16 Group of 6 Harris Academies. It will offer a wide range of academic and vocational subjects which will give students all the opportunities they need to progress to higher education or university.

I very much look forward to working with you and I hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities you have to become involved in your son's education.

Yours sincerely,

Bart Cannon
Principal
Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich

Mission Statement

"Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich is an inspirational centre of enterprising learning where staff and students embrace the opportunities and challenges of learning, continually striving to exceed their personal best and enjoy social, sporting, artistic and academic success."

AIMS

- To build an educational community that is strongly focused on raising aspirations and achievement. We will aim to find at least one thing which every boy is good at and which can be used to encourage and develop his potential.
- For students and staff together to strive for excellence by continuously improving on their personal best.
- For students to be equipped appropriately with the skills and competencies required for life in the 21st century, with a clear focus on the mastery of the basic skills of literacy, numeracy and ICT.
- For everyone at the Academy to be an effective learner, responsible for his or her own development and learning.
- To provide students with opportunities to develop as Team Leaders and become Coaches, helping to secure continuous improvement throughout the Academy.
- To ensure creativity, innovation, problem solving and risk taking are all features of Academy life.
- To build an educational learning community that is welcoming, well ordered, and inclusive and in which diversity is celebrated.
- To maximise the learning of boys, based on best educational practice and gender influenced preferred learning styles from 11 to 16 and to develop appropriate co-educational approaches in Harris Federation Post 16.



With Year Nines as our oldest students this is an ideal transition to secondary school for our Year Sevens and a once in a generation opportunity.



About our Academy

The Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich opened in September 2009 in temporary accommodation. In September 2010 it moved to a "state of the art" building in Peckham Rye. It is an independent school that is free of charge to attend.

- We started with a Year Seven cohort in 2009 and are building our student body a year at a time. When we reach full size, we will have 750 boys in Years 7 – 11 and 200 boys in our Sixth Form. Our Post 16 students will join with 5 other Harris Post 16 Centres.
- The curriculum offer is full, broad and balanced so that every boy receives a well-rounded education. It promotes academic and vocational achievement for students of all abilities.
- Every boy has a learning coach with whom he discusses his progress and plans his learning.
- Boys are encouraged to widen their horizons through a range of extra curricular courses including Latin. Scholarships are available in Sport, Enterprise, Maths & Music.
- The Key Stage 4 vocational courses on offer will include Hospitality and Catering, Sport, Business and ICT.
- Through our specialisms in Sport and Enterprise we promote key skills for life such as teamwork, creativity and self-confidence.
- Whether they direct an Academy play, captain a sports team or lead a fundraising effort for charity, boys take on positions of leadership and responsibility.
- Parents receive Progress Statements from us every six weeks and are regularly welcomed to come and meet with Academy staff.
- We work with other Academies in the Harris Federation to provide boys with a host of additional opportunities and experiences. Inter-Federation activities include Oxbridge coaching (through the Federation's link with Oriel College, Oxford) and international trips such as sailing holidays, ski tours and foreign language exchange programmes.



Our New Year Sevens

There are 150 places in Year Seven in 2010, all of which are free of charge and open to students of all abilities and backgrounds. A copy of our Admissions Process and Policy has been included as an insert at the back of this Prospectus.

Your son will receive a great deal of highly focused attention by specialist and highly trained staff.

A Personal Best Culture

Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich is a learning community in which we support and encourage each other to achieve our personal best.

We combine the traditional values of discipline, respect and good behaviour with contemporary best practice in teaching and technology.

Teachers take the time to get to know and understand each boy. Whether a student needs to be stretched, is struggling or is somewhere in the middle, we will always work to inspire the best in him.

Children learn best when their school environment is safe, inclusive and welcoming. We pride ourselves in having a culture of mutual respect between students and staff and zero tolerance of bullying in any form.

Students will be placed into one of our four Houses, each of which will be led by a dedicated Head of House. We will run all manner of inter-House competitions and boys will be encouraged to win points for their House through good attendance and behaviour.

We want parents to feel involved and informed about their child's education. We will therefore send Progress Statements home every six weeks and will regularly welcome parents to come and meet with their child's teachers.



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Bringing Learning Alive

We provide students with a high quality education that raises standards and aspirations. This means:

- Offering a full, broad and balanced curriculum and helping every student find something he excels at;
- Keeping class sizes as small as possible and employing teachers who make learning fun and engaging;
- Giving support to students who need it through extra tuition in Literacy and Numeracy;
- Offering a range of specialised courses for Gifted and Talented students;
- Setting regular homework – for Year Seven students this will usually be two or three subjects per night;
- Encouraging debate, participation and a spirit of enquiry.

But learning does not begin and end at the Academy gates. Boys will 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

Our broad range of extracurricular activities include a range of Performing Arts programmes including Art, Drama, Dance, Music and Debating.

Sailing, tennis, chess, non-contact boxing, cricket, rugby and trampolining are just some of the sporting activities boys are able to try their hand at. Boys who want to will also be able to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

We want every student to have the chance to shine. Whenever there is demand for a new club or activity, we always try to find a way to make it happen.

Our Spectacular New Building

With its Peckham Rye location, our new building has been designed by our award winning architects to be a "pavilion in the park".

We have bright and modern classrooms and outstanding facilities and equipment. The building includes:

- A superb atrium, which is used for exhibitions and events;
- Modern ICT, with interactive whiteboards in every classroom;
- Fully equipped Science laboratories;
- Art and Design studios;
- Outstanding Music, Dance and Drama facilities;
- A Hospitality and Catering suite;
- A dedicated Sixth Form Centre.

The building is also environmentally smart and sustainable. A fifth of the energy required to run it each year will be generated on-site.





The Governing Body

The Senior Leadership Team of the Academy works closely with the 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. The AGB Chair, Dr Paul Clifford, also sits on the Board of the Harris Federation of South London Schools and if you would like to contact him please write to him at:

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The Harris Federation

Our Academy is sponsored by the Harris Federation of South London Schools, a registered charity with almost 20 years' experience in running schools. The Federation runs eight other Academies and is affiliated to a further 11 schools, all in south London.

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 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 Daniel Moynihan who has almost 25 years' experience in education.



"As an employer and a father, I strongly believe that a good education is the best start that you can give a child. Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich promotes love of learning, willingness to work hard, curiosity, self confidence and a real desire to do well in life.

In addition, as an 11–18 Academy, our Sixth Form offers an outstanding range of courses so your child will not have to move schools for Sixth Form. I look forward to welcoming you to Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich and to the Harris Federation of South London Schools."

Lord Harris of Peckham

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