



**PROSPECTUS**

A new Academy with drive and ambition



## Introducing Harris Academy Purley

Our Academy has been set up by the Harris Federation, a registered charity with more than 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 Purley 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

# Welcome



Thank you for taking the time to read this prospectus.

Harris Academy Purley opened in September 2009. Building on the Harris Federation's excellent track record in Croydon, we have a student and staff body who are eager to make their mark as the first generation at our Academy.

We combine the traditional values of discipline, respect and good manners with contemporary best practice in teaching and technology. With these core values in place, we aim to send out into the world students that are happy and educated, with the drive and ambition to be successful.

In providing our students with a top rate education, we want staying on for Sixth Form to be the norm, not the exception. I am therefore particularly excited about our Sixth Form which we will run in partnership with the highly successful Harris Federation Post 16. Our spectacular new and refurbished buildings, which will open in September 2012, will match our aspirations for an Academy that brings learning alive.

Choosing the right secondary school to send your son or daughter to is an act of trust – but I hope that once you have come to know us, you will find that Harris Academy Purley is a school you can choose with confidence. Please do therefore come along to our Open Evening and meet with us.

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

With best wishes,

*Carol-Anne Alcock*

Mrs Carol-Anne Alcock  
Principal, Harris Academy Purley



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



## A New 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 are already doing very well, are struggling or are somewhere in the middle, we always work to 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 extra-curricular activities
- Having high expectations and a new Sixth Form worth staying on for

There are 180 places in Year Seven. 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.

## Taking Good Care of Our Year Sevens

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From the moment they arrive here at the beginning of September, we want our Year Seven students to feel welcome, safe and cared for. By feeling settled early on, they can begin to grasp all that we have to offer: academic, social and extra-curricular.

In their first week here, every Year Seven is given their own learning mentor who coaches them, sets goals with them and makes sure they settle 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 House system, we encourage friendship and healthy competition. Students are placed into a tutor group which belongs to one of our four Houses. Each House 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-House competitions and students are encouraged to win points for their House through good attendance and behaviour.

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





# Bringing Learning Alive


Students receive a well-rounded education with a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy. We follow a full, broad and balanced curriculum and help every student find something at which they can excel. Across the curriculum, we encourage debate, participation and a spirit of enquiry.

For those who need it we offer catch-up classes and one-to-one support across the curriculum, especially in English and maths.

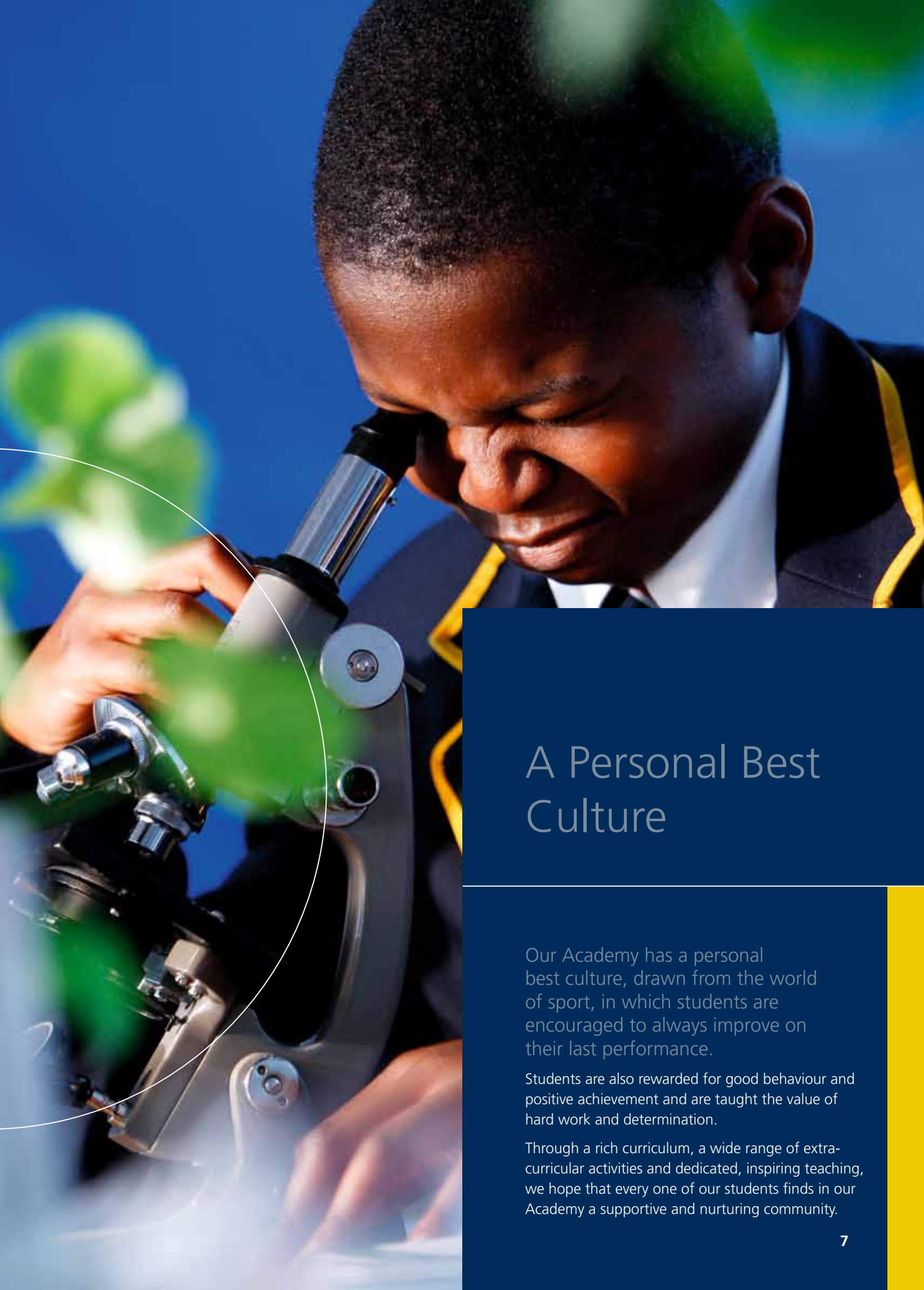
For our gifted and talented students, we offer a range of specialised courses including Latin and master classes in advanced science and mathematics. We set regular homework for all students – for Year Sevens this will usually be two or three subjects per night.

Our specialisms are in sport and enterprise. 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.

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.



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## A Personal Best Culture

Our Academy has a personal best culture, drawn from the world of sport, in which students are encouraged to always improve on their last performance.

Students are also rewarded for good behaviour and positive achievement and are taught the value of hard work and determination.

Through a rich curriculum, a wide range of extra-curricular activities and dedicated, inspiring teaching, we hope that every one of our students finds in our Academy a supportive and nurturing community.



Students flourish both  
inside and outside the  
classroom.



## Enrichment For Life

Our broad range of extra-curricular activities includes art, drama and debating societies and a range of choirs, bands and orchestras.

Sailing, chess, dance, cricket, rugby and trampolining are just some of the sporting activities students can try their hand at. Students who want to are also able to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and Outward Bound.

We want every student to have the chance to shine. Whenever there is demand for a club or activity not already on offer, we will always endeavour to make it happen.

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# Fulfilling High Expectations

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

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.

We begin university coaching from age 14. We also have a Sixth Form, which operates in partnership with the Harris Federation Post 16. This is run jointly by us with the Harris Academies in Crystal Palace, South Norwood and Merton. It offers excellent academic and vocational courses and provides students with all the support they need to progress to further education or university.

## Governance

Our Academy Governing Body is chaired by Mr Paul Jacobs.

It is an independent body and is responsible, with the Principal, for setting and monitoring the educational direction of our Academy and the targets to be achieved over time.

Paul Jacobs also sits on the Board of the Harris Federation. If you would like to contact him, please write to him:

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# The Harris Federation

## Lord Harris of Peckham

Sponsor of Harris Academy Purley

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 popular with local families and are achieving sustained improvement at GCSE and consistently positive Ofsted inspections.

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.

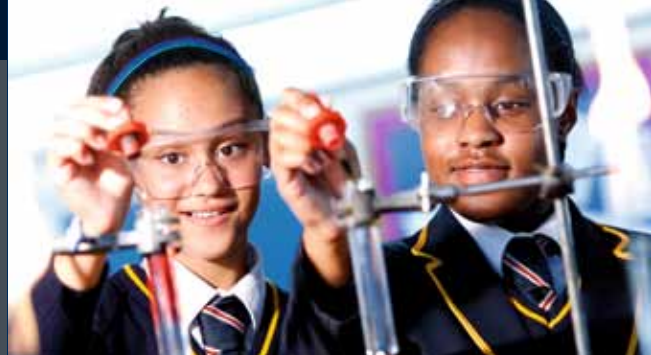


"As an employer and a father I strongly believe that a good education is the best start in life that you can give a child.

Harris Purley 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.

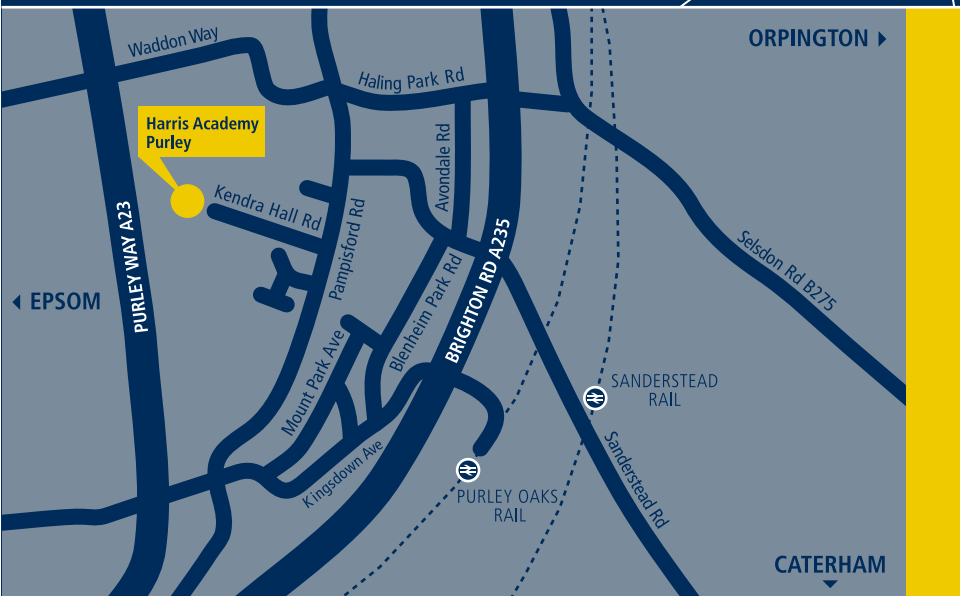
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The Harris Federation comprises the following Academies:





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