

Introducing

Harris Academy

Wimbledon

A brand new secondary school with drive and ambition

Opening September 2018

Register your interest in a place now!
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A new school

with a proven team



Harris Academy Wimbledon is a brand new secondary school opening in September 2018.

I have worked for the Harris Federation for coming up to eight years. Firstly, developing Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich *(a new academy that started with just a Year 7 and is now one of the leading boys' schools in the country for pupil progress)*

as Vice Principal; and then as Principal of Harris Academy Morden for the last four years *(currently ranked within the top 2% of schools for pupil progress)*.

After much planning, all of us at Harris are thrilled that Harris Academy Wimbledon is now proceeding to open and will add another co-educational school to the choices parents in the area can make.

We want to engage with local people to share our aspirations and plans for the school and are very interested in your views. We are grateful to parents from across Wimbledon who have offered their support as we worked to get permission from the Department for Education to open this school – many of you have a stake in this school and we are therefore highly interested in your views on our proposed admissions policy.

Harris Academy Wimbledon will be run by the same experienced leaders as Harris Academy Morden. Our brand new building will be at the heart of the regeneration of the High Path area. The local community will be able to use our facilities out of school hours.

With the support of our community, I know that Harris Academy Wimbledon will match the high standards Harris academies are known for, and that we will take excellent care of students. I am looking forward to seeing parents, children and other members of the community at our forthcoming events – the dates of these are in this brochure.

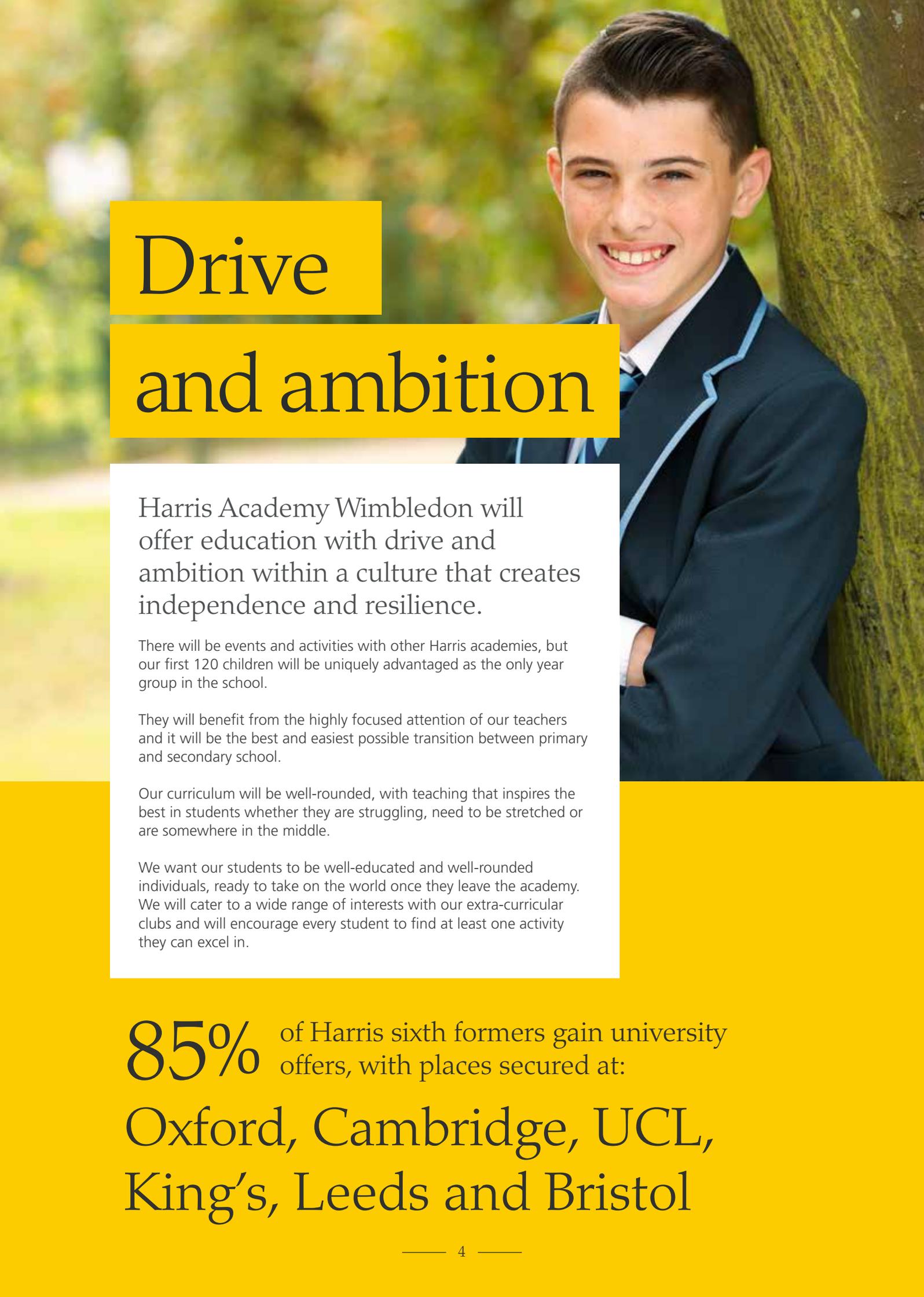
Lee Mallin

Executive Principal





In the past twelve months
Harris has been
recognised as
a top performer
by researchers at the
DfE, Sutton Trust and
Education Policy Institute
as well as Watchsted
and PwC.

A young boy with short dark hair, wearing a dark blue school blazer with light blue piping on the lapels, a white shirt, and a blue tie. He is smiling broadly and leaning against the trunk of a tree. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green foliage.

Drive

and ambition

Harris Academy Wimbledon will offer education with drive and ambition within a culture that creates independence and resilience.

There will be events and activities with other Harris academies, but our first 120 children will be uniquely advantaged as the only year group in the school.

They will benefit from the highly focused attention of our teachers and it will be the best and easiest possible transition between primary and secondary school.

Our curriculum will be well-rounded, with teaching that inspires the best in students whether they are struggling, need to be stretched or are somewhere in the middle.

We want our students to be well-educated and well-rounded individuals, ready to take on the world once they leave the academy. We will cater to a wide range of interests with our extra-curricular clubs and will encourage every student to find at least one activity they can excel in.

85% of Harris sixth formers gain university offers, with places secured at:

Oxford, Cambridge, UCL,
King's, Leeds and Bristol

A new

building for

south Wimbledon

Our brand new building will be ready in time for September 2020.

This will be an addition to the regeneration of the High Path area. As a purpose-built space, it will be modern and welcoming with specialist facilities for all curriculum areas. We will have spaces that we will share with the community during holiday periods, evenings and weekends.

For the first two years, the academy will operate from Whatley Avenue in the redeveloped adult education centre. This will provide us with our own building, classrooms and access to sports fields at the nearby Joseph Hood Recreation Ground.



Admissions

arrangements

There will be 120 places in 2018 and 180 in 2019.

Like all secondary schools, children with education, health and care plans will be offered the first places. Looked-after and previously looked-after children will have next priority.

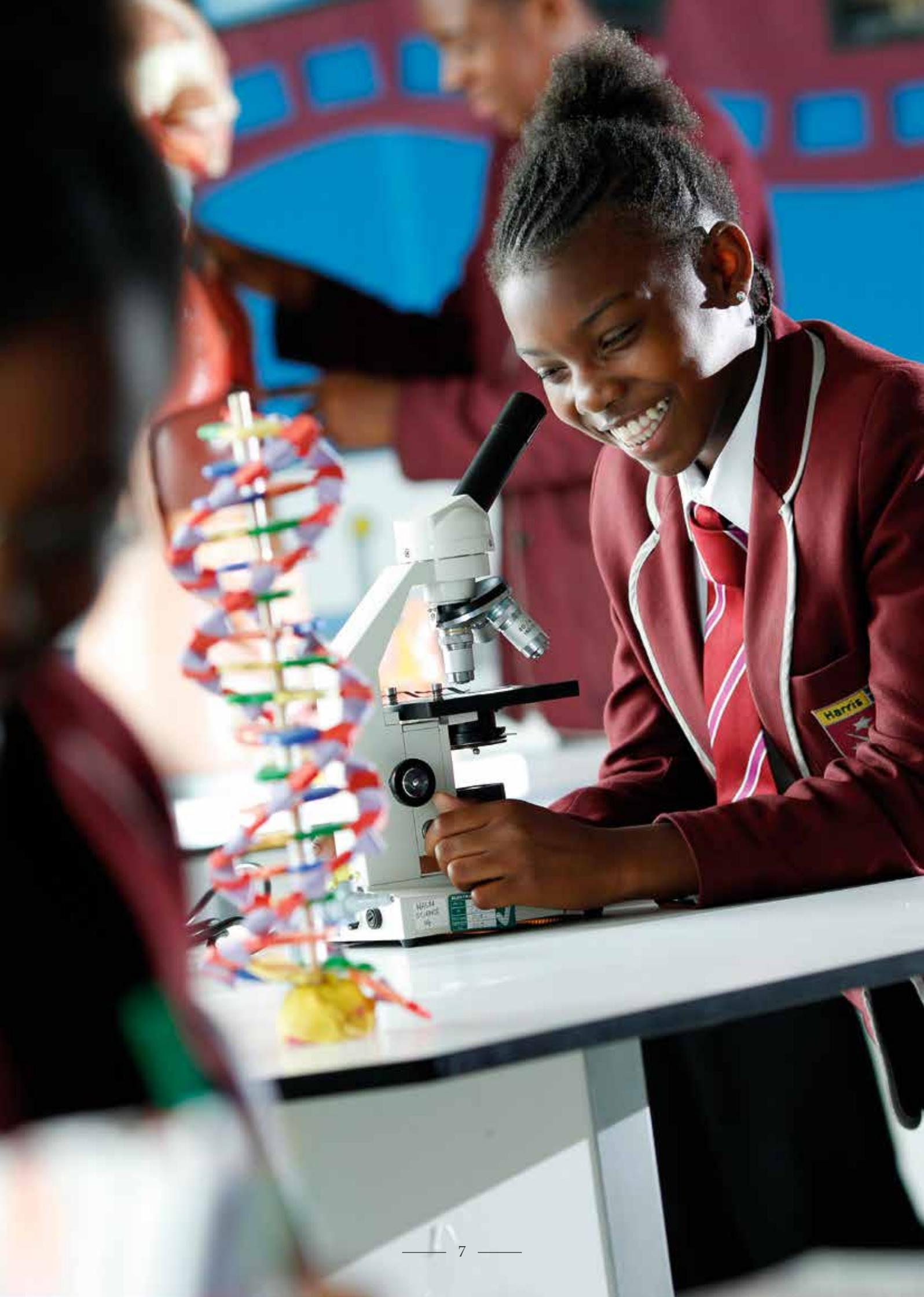
The new school has been supported by parents all over Wimbledon. For much of this period, there was no confirmed site for the school. Therefore, to allow the school to serve a wider area of Wimbledon, we propose to use 'nodal points' in our admissions policy. Children who live closest to these points will be prioritised for places.

For the two years in which the school is run from its initial site on Whatley Avenue, our proposal is to use three nodal points for admissions. These would be Wimbledon Park station, Wimbledon Chase station and the front entrance of Merton Abbey Primary School.

We would like to consult on three options:

1. Allocating a third of places to each of the nodal points described above;
2. Allocating half of the places to children local to the Merton Abbey nodal point, and 25% to each of the other points;
3. Allocating 30 places to each of the more distant nodal points and the remainder of the places to the Merton Abbey nodal point (this would be 60 places in 2018 and 120 places in 2019).

We are also interested in your views about whether these are the right nodal points to use to maximise access for children who currently struggle to get places in Merton schools and whose parents want the opportunity of sending their sons and daughters to the same school.





Harris

Federation

The Harris Federation is a not-for-profit charity. Led and run by teachers, we established our first school over 25 years ago.

There are 41 happy and highly successful primary and secondary academies in our federation. We have a long-standing commitment to families in this area and run three thriving schools close by. With each school that has joined us, the expectations we set ourselves have increased.

Every Harris academy so far inspected by Ofsted is rated 'good' or 'outstanding', with three quarters of our inspected secondary academies judged 'outstanding'.

As well as joint working between the teachers at our academies, there are many shared experiences for our students. These include federation-wide sports days at the National Sports Centre; Harris Experience, a unique programme that readies our most able students for life at top universities; and inter-academy events such as one-to-one reading partnerships between our primary and secondary schools, World Maths Day and Debate Mate.

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Find out more

To meet the leaders running the school, or if you have questions or suggestions, please come to one of these venues:

Tuesday 21st February, 7pm – 9pm

Merton Abbey Primary School: High Path, London SW19 2JY

Wednesday 22nd February, 7pm – 9pm

All Saints School Hall: entrance via South Wimbledon Community Centre car park, 78 Victory Road, London SW19 1HN

Thursday 2nd March, 7pm – 9pm

Singlegate Primary School: South Gardens, London SW19 2NT

Tuesday 7th March, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Wimbledon Park Primary School: Havana Road, London SW19 8EJ

Wednesday 8th March, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Joseph Hood Primary School: Whatley Avenue, London SW20 9NS

Thursday 9th March, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Primary School: Effra Road, London SW19 8PW

We welcome your views

Please complete the form below and return it to us by **31st March 2017**. We have put the form on our website, so you can also complete it there.

Your details

Name: _____

Address (including postcode): _____

Are you the parent or carer of a child who may go to the academy? Yes No

If yes, please supply your email address so we can contact you from time to time with relevant information about the new school:

Ethos and aims

Harris Academy Wimbledon will aim to produce well-educated young men and women ready to succeed in whatever goals they set themselves in adult life.

We will be open to all and have high aspirations and expectations. As a Harris academy, we will combine engaging teaching with a firm but fair emphasis on good behaviour.

With the help of their teachers, students will set themselves challenging goals with a focus on academic achievement. Progress will be monitored regularly so that teachers know how each child is doing and can step in quickly if a student needs more support.

Learning does not begin and end at the classroom door and we will recognise, support and nurture the wide-ranging talents of our students.

Do you support this? Yes No

If you have any other comments or suggestions about these aims, please add these here:

Curriculum

We will have a broad and balanced curriculum. **Do you have any comments on subject areas or topics you would like the school to teach?** Yes No

Your comments: _____

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Admissions

The location of our permanent building, which we will move into in September 2020, is in High Path, south Wimbledon.

At our initial site in Whatley Avenue, if the school is oversubscribed, we propose to prioritise for places those who live closest to Merton Abbey Primary School (next to the permanent site), Wimbledon Park station, or Wimbledon Chase station (near the temporary site). In the terminology of admissions policy, these locations are known as 'nodal points'.

Do you think these are the correct nodal points for us to use? Yes No

We are consulting on three options for allocating places between the nodal points. **Please indicate which you favour most:**

- 1. Allocating a third of places to each of the nodal points described above;
- 2. Allocating half of the places to children local to the Merton Abbey nodal point and 25% each to each of the other points;
- 3. Allocating 30 places to each of the more distant nodal points and the remainder of the places to the Merton Abbey nodal point (this would be 60 places in 2018 and 120 places in 2019).

If you would prefer a different admissions arrangement, please specify here: _____

When we move to our long term site in 2020, one of the nodal points will be the entrance to the school. We can continue to have other nodal points if there is support for this.

Do you think we should have one, two or three nodal points? One Two Three

Which other nodal points would you suggest and what percentage of places should be allocated to each?

Do you have any other comments on the admissions arrangements? Yes No

If yes, please specify here: _____

Signing a Funding Agreement so the school can open

The Department for Education will want to know that there is support for the Harris Federation opening the new school.

Do you agree that the Harris Federation should sign a Funding Agreement, which will enable us to open and run the new school? Yes No

Completed forms should either be returned by post or scanned in and emailed to us by 31st March 2017.

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