

Harrow School



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The School

Harrow is an all-boys full-boarding school, founded in 1572 under a royal charter granted by Elizabeth I. Distinguished Old Harrovians include seven British prime ministers and the first prime minister of India, Pandit Nehru, as well as poets and writers as diverse as Byron, Sheridan and Richard Curtis. As stewards of many cherished traditions, boys at Harrow benefit from an education that develops their unique talents and a love of learning, alongside a keenness to contribute their strengths to the world.

Academic

We have an array of highly qualified academics, who are expert in their field and who also have the ability to inspire young men. In 2014, the number of A* grades at A-level at Harrow continued on its upward trajectory, with a rate of nearly 26%. At (I)GCSE, 85.2% of all examinations taken were awarded A* or A grades. The A* rate of the last two years has been record-breaking, at 56% in 2014. Beyond the exam syllabus, our super-curriculum focuses on the aspects of scholarship that are not formally assessed: habitual reading, independent research, reflection and debate. Central to this is the Electives programme, in which boys select a challenging off-syllabus course that is taught in small groups. These courses promote lateral thinking, problem-solving and the articulation of profound thought, while also allowing boys to lead their own learning.

This eclectic academic diet is not just for the intellectual elite. We think every Harrow boy, wherever he stands in the spectrum of ability, should find learning both enormously stimulating and great fun. On virtually every night of the week, there are seminars and society meetings to pique every interest. Thanks to the School's reputation and close proximity to London, we attract eminent speakers from all walks of life to enrich and broaden the boys' academic and cultural experiences. Virtually all of our boys take up places at selective universities. Boys who are heading towards Oxbridge, Ivy League and other competitive institutions are given specific guidance and preparation from their House Masters and our dedicated Universities Team.

Boarding

Our leafy 260-acre estate contains 12 Boarding Houses. The buildings are quite individual with their own gardens and facilities, helping to set each



House apart. The Houses inspire fierce loyalty from the boys and old boys, who take pride in their own part of Harrow.

Common to every House is the highest quality of pastoral care, which is a major strength of the School. House Masters and their families live in the Houses, and are assisted by an Assistant House Master, Matron, Year Group Tutors and Health Education Tutors. In addition, the chaplaincy, full-time psychologist and pastoral support committee provide further layers of nurturing and support.

On average, there are about 60–70 boys in each House. There are no dormitories: a boy shares his room with a boy of the same age for the first three to six terms and thereafter has a room to himself. Every boy has a computer in his room and each House has common rooms and shared kitchens.

Extracurricular activities

Sport enriches the life of every boy throughout his time at Harrow. With afternoon games five times a week, sporting fixtures against other schools and the chance to compete regularly in House matches, boys are kept healthy and active. Under the expert guidance of some of the country's



leading coaches, boys develop their skills, character and confidence. Through games such as rugby, soccer, cricket and Harrow football, they learn how to be team players. Equal emphasis is placed on the many individual sports offered here that cultivate resilience, self-discipline and enjoyment.

Surrounded by acres of sports fields, AstroTurf pitches, a golf course, swimming pool, sports centre, tennis, rackets and fives courts, Harrow has a breadth of sporting opportunities to match every interest and ability. Our elite sportsmen have an impressive record of achieving excellent standards and some go on to enjoy successful professional sporting careers. Unique occasions like the annual cricket match versus Eton at Lord's provide memorable highlights in the School year.

The arts are an extremely important part of Harrow's packed calendar of activities. Whether it's learning a musical instrument, playing in orchestras and ensembles, singing in choirs or in Houses, performing in plays or discovering beauty in fine art, sculpture and ceramics, the opportunity for creative expression at Harrow not only sets our boys on a lifetime of personal enrichment and enjoyment, but also teaches them to be more self-disciplined, attentive and better at planning and organising their busy lives.

Boys who participate in the vast spectrum of Harrow's creative and performing arts also find that this involvement has a broader, more beneficial effect on their overall academic performance. By encouraging boys to perform in the highest-quality School and House concerts, plays and competitions, we see them finding their own voice and the confidence to express their individual creativity, regardless of innate talent.

All teachers live in the School, and this makes possible the extraordinary diversity of worthwhile activities on offer in the evenings and at weekends.

Scholarships and bursaries

A large number of scholarships are awarded every year. Scholarships have a value of 5% of the fee and are held throughout a boy's time at Harrow, subject to satisfactory performance. Boys may apply for more than one of the different types of scholarship, which include Academic, Music, Art, Sport and Outstanding Talent. Scholarships can often be supplemented by a means-tested bursary of up to 100% for parents who might not otherwise be able to afford the fees.

Entry requirements

For details on admission to Harrow, visit the Admissions page on our website: www.harrowschool.org.uk



Key facts

Type of school Boys boarding
Age range 13–18
Number of pupils 830
Number of boarders 830
Teacher/pupil ratio 1:8
Religious tradition Christian
Fees per term £12,050
ISC associations HMC, SofH



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