

Harrow COLLEGE

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About Harrow College and the local area

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General Information

We provide choice and opportunity for young learners, lifelong learners, international students and employers. Harrow College is an Associate College of the University of Westminster and Middlesex University and as a partner in the Harrow Sixth Form Collegiate the College aims to increase choice for young people from 14-19.

Mission Statement and Vision

We provide choice and opportunity. Your success is our priority.

Our vision is to strive for excellence in all we do and to seek to develop new learning opportunities for the community.

Our Learners

Over 3000 full time and 7000 part-time learners, including many international students study here every year and we are committed to widening the range of students at the College.

We have learners from varied ethnic and social backgrounds who integrate well and international students form an integral part of the College community. Our English as Foreign Language (EFL) courses are accredited by the British Council.

Harrow College is committed to equality of opportunity and supporting students with learning difficulties and disabilities. We offer learning and communication support, careers and further study advice and confidential counselling.

Course options are diverse and are taught on two campuses located at Harrow on the Hill and Harrow Weald. By offering a broad range of facilities and resources such as art and design studios, IT facilities, hair and beauty training salons, a professional drama studio and also financial help for students in need, the College is well equipped to meet students' everyday learning requirements.

Our Standards

Ofsted has reported the College as Outstanding for Social and Educational Inclusion. We have also been awarded a Centre of Excellence for the Hearing Impaired, this is the only centre of its kind in North West London. We are also a member of the Westminster Centre of Excellence in Teacher Training (CETT).

The College was successfully validated against the Matrix standard for its information, advice and guidance services. We also hold the Investors in People quality standard, as well as the Charter Mark for the quality of our overall service.

The Curriculum

Curriculum provision at Harrow College is delivered by two major faculties –Creative Arts, Science and Technology, and Industries, Wellbeing and Societies.

The Sixth Form Centre provides an extensive range of courses as well as excellent facilities. Courses are taught on our two campuses: Harrow Weald and Harrow-on-the-Hill.

Harrow Skills Centre is a partnership project managed by Harrow College. The Centre opened in a purpose built, state of the art building in September 2005. The Skills Centre provides vocational learning for the 14-19 age range.

The courses on offer provide an introduction to the key trades in construction: joinery, painting & decorating, electrical installation, plumbing and bricklaying. An understanding about working in construction, working safely, personal effectiveness, social responsibility and financial management is also covered. The Centre also offers NVQ Level 1 Land Based and Environment programmes in partnership with the local Earth Project.

The Lifelong Learning Centre offers, during the day and evenings, a total of more than 200 qualification courses and over 500 adult community education programmes in 40 sites around the 'London Borough of Harrow'.

About Harrow

Harrow is an outer London Borough in northwest London and approximately 10 miles from central London. The borough is bordered to the north by leafy Hertfordshire but also has easy access to the city, which is only 20 minutes away by train into Marylebone station. Currently one of the safest boroughs in London, Harrow is composed of 20% parkland and open spaces giving a total green belt area that is equivalent to eight Hyde Parks.

The area combines a wealth of tradition and history with a vibrant modern community. As one of the most diverse boroughs in the UK we offer lively cultural diversity and a wide range of ethnic restaurants. Approximately 40% of the local population is from an ethnic minority group, predominately Asian, and the area has a large Hindu and Gujurati community.

Many people who live in Harrow commute into London on a daily basis and the concentration of 'young professionals' is particularly high in those areas close to the station; as you move away from central Harrow you reach areas popular with families where the housing stock is made up of largely semi-detached properties. There is a good choice of schools in the Harrow area and neighbouring boroughs, the majority of which perform well and produce strong results. More information on schools in Harrow can be found from the local authority website: www.harrow.gov.uk

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

1. Harrow College is committed to equality of opportunity and respect for all students, staff and visitors.
2. The College is opposed to any form of discrimination on grounds of sex, race, religious belief, colour, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, social class, mental or physical disability.
3. Harrow College will seek, both as an Employer and Provider of Education and Training, to:
 - work actively towards offering equality of opportunity to all students and staff with respect to:
 - access to and participation in education and training
 - selection, recruitment, promotion and development of staff
 - the curriculum
 - the College environment
 - resources
 - support systems
 - reflect the diverse nature of the community in which it works
 - take positive steps to ensure no forms of unlawful discrimination occur
 - address Equal Opportunities issues at the individual and institutional level
 - monitor the effects of its Equal Opportunities Policy in operation and develop an annual plan to address issues
 - modify procedures and priorities as necessary to improve implementation of the Equal Opportunities Policy
4. An annual report on all Equal Opportunities matters will be made to the Governing Body.
5. An Equal Opportunities committee of the College will undertake routine monitoring and make recommendations for action. Members will be drawn widely from the College community and may be co-opted from outside in order to provide specialist knowledge or expertise. Minutes of and reports to the Equal Opportunities Committee will be available on the College's Intranet.