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Harrow School Online is a new kind of school that brings the richness of a Harrow School education to the homes of pupils around the world. Harrow School Online combines the flexibility of modern “anywhere, anytime” learning with rigorous full-time academic study led by UK-based teachers.

While our pupils work towards their choice of university and future career, they develop a worldwide network of friendships to last a lifetime. This prospectus provides a glimpse into the Harrow School Online experience.

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Combining Tradition and Innovation for Tomorrow's Leaders

A WARM WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

This year Harrow School celebrates its 450th anniversary, a milestone in our long history of shaping excellence in education. Within our academic community we have high expectations of our pupils and provide a supportive environment for learning. We also recognise that the development of character is every bit as important as good examination grades. Harrow School Online takes this approach worldwide.

Harrow School Online offers a unique opportunity for academically-minded girls and boys to develop their shared love of learning within a thriving sixth form that spans continents. We give pupils the flexibility to study at a time and a pace that suits them, individualising their learning and structuring their timetable so their education is uniquely tailored to their needs. While mindful of our history, we position ourselves at the forefront of innovation, preparing our pupils with the mindset and skillset to thrive in our modern world.

Harrow School Online has set out to revolutionise education. We'd love you to join us.

Heather Rhodes



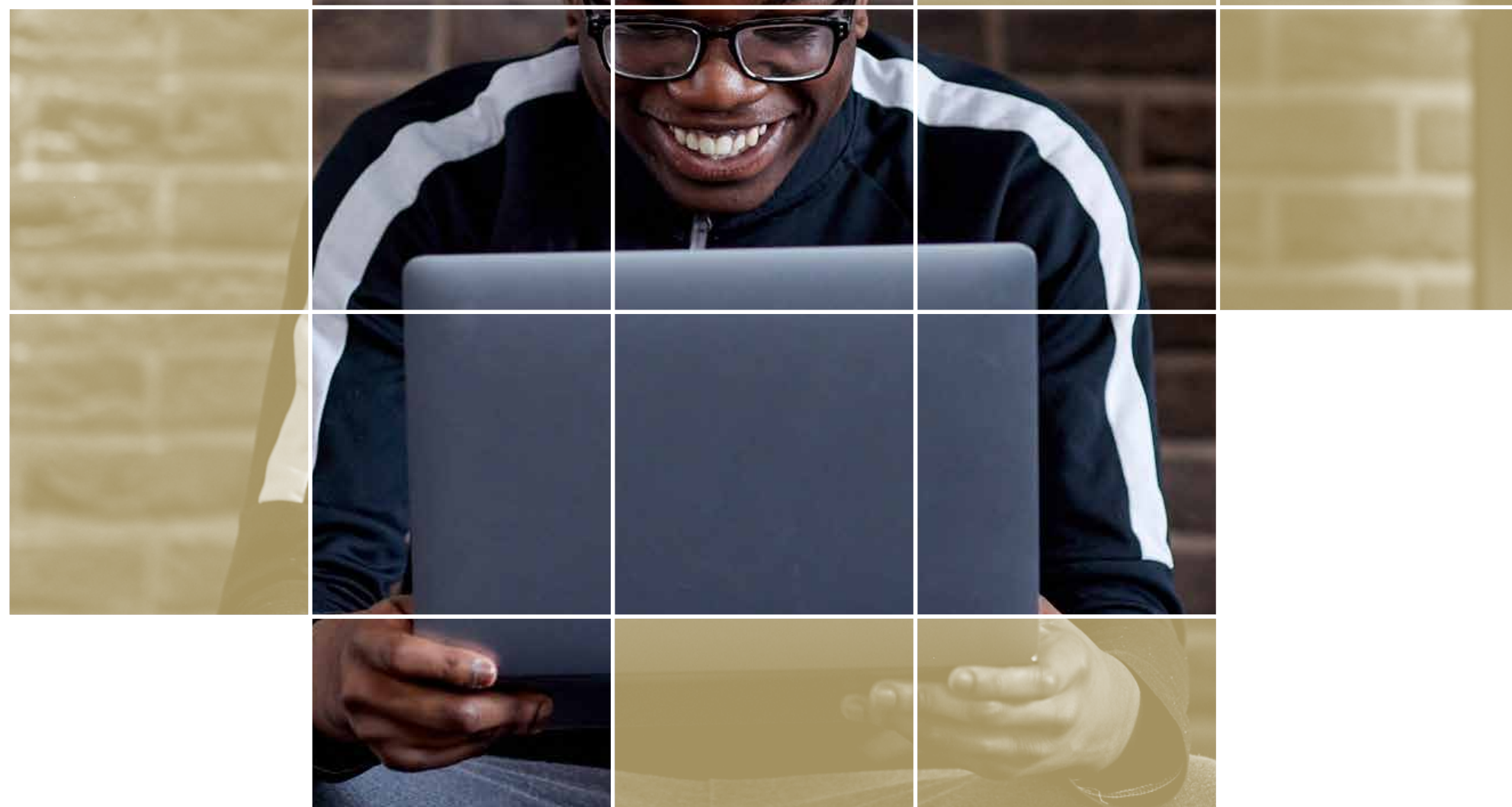
DESIGNED FOR YOUR FUTURE

At Harrow School Online, our community of learning crosses continents, from the UK to the world at large, where international collaboration is part of the everyday curriculum, and where pupils can access a world-leading education from their own homes.

We recognise that the world we live in is changing rapidly and that education must adapt to the new challenges this presents. Our modern, online world is fast-paced, hyperconnected and personalised to reflect our interests.

Education can be the same.

At Harrow School Online, our curriculum and top-quality teachers ensure academic mastery. Meanwhile, our one-to-one academic tutorials and regular life-coaching sessions provide pupils with personalised support and feedback, helping them to manage their studies while developing a sense of purpose and the skills to navigate an unknown future.





THE POWER OF ONLINE LEARNING

As a high-calibre online school that delivers the British curriculum, Harrow School Online offers a quality education that optimises its pupils' university and career prospects.

Our online schooling programme has a number of other unique benefits, such as:

- **Individualisation:** Pupils follow an individual learning pathway, working through self-study materials at a pace that suits them and studying in small classes with lessons carefully tailored to their needs. Every pupil is seen and heard, and no one is left behind.
- **Participation:** In the self-study aspect of our courses, there are more opportunities for pupils to participate and respond to content than in a traditional face-to-face environment, and more time to reflect on topics and give deeper thought to responses.
- **Self-discipline:** Harrow School Online supports pupils to become better independent learners and to develop strong self-discipline skills, which is invaluable preparation for university.

Harrow School Online requires its pupils to be dedicated, focused and organised, and rewards them with a personalised, flexible and supportive education like no other.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Harrow School Online offers a robust and focused Sixth Form programme. In the 2022 academic year, this involves Pearson Edexcel International A Level courses in Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Economics and Spanish, along with a range of 'Super-Curriculum' enrichment courses to inspire intellectual curiosity and an interest in ideas for their own sake.

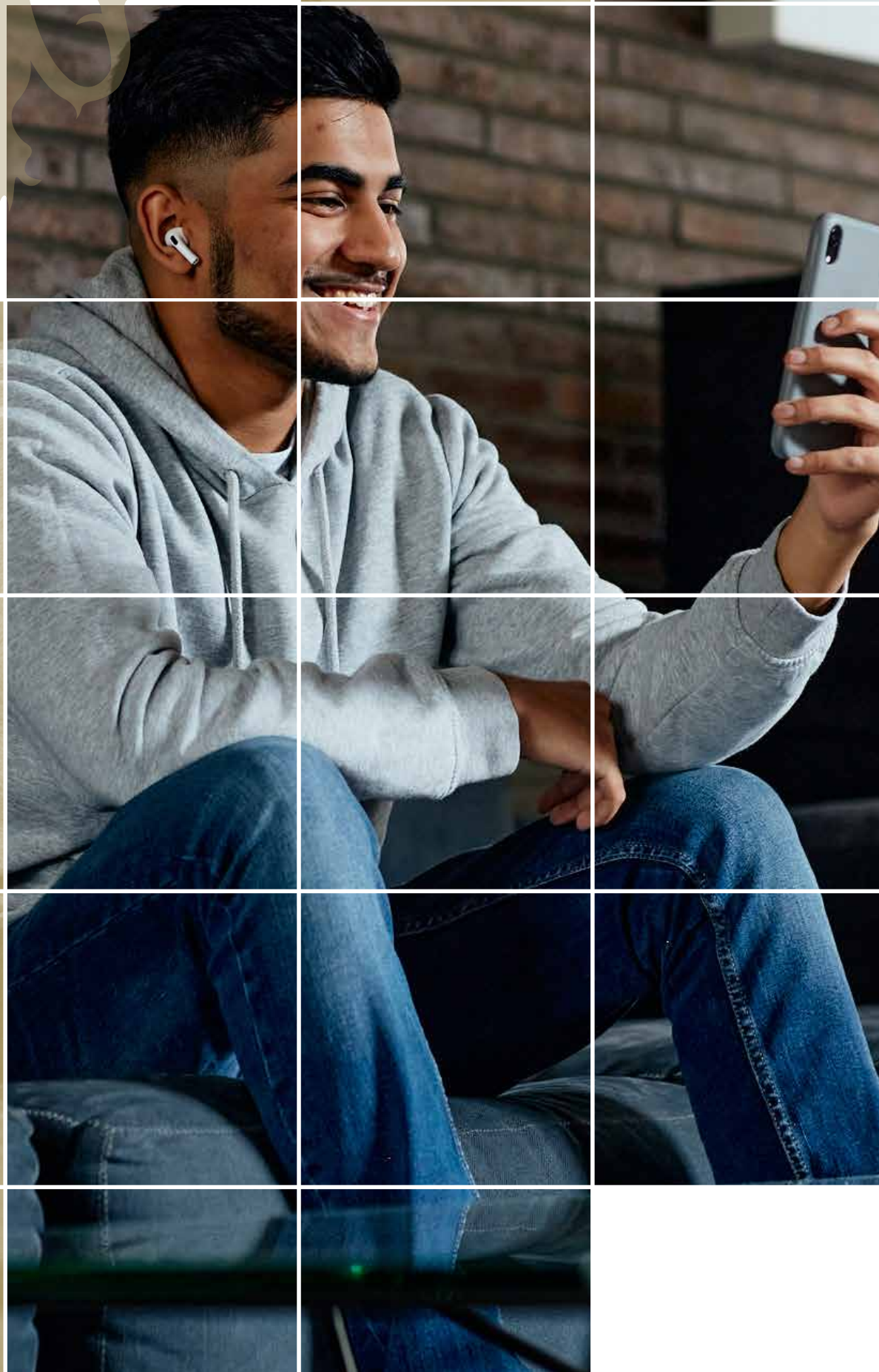
In addition to providing a high-quality academic programme, Harrow School Online offers pupils clubs and activities — from chess and robotics to poetry and art. The Harrow School Online extracurricular programme encourages pupils to be engaged in service, fellowship and leadership in both their online and local communities.

UNIVERSITY FOCUS

From their first days at Harrow School Online, pupils are counselled by a Success Coach on university selection, including Oxford, Cambridge and the Ivy League. As pupils complete their International A Level courses, they make plans for their university and career pathways. Success Coaches guide them through this process and, along with their House Master and House Tutor, help them to prepare for university and work placement applications and interviews.

In May or June of their second year at Harrow School Online, our pupils sit their International A Level examinations at the Pearson Edexcel test centre of their choice. We say goodbye to them at a leavers' ceremony, but stay in touch through our Online Harrovian alumni network.





PERSONALISED LEARNING

At Harrow School Online, pupils experience all of the flexibility of self-paced learning within the structure of a complete school programme supported by expert teachers and tutors. Before the academic year begins, new pupils participate in an online orientation to become familiar with the platform and learning protocols. The online lessons are carefully designed to ensure pupils' success, while generating deep data about their learning. As pupils work through their lessons, their teachers monitor their progress and remain in frequent contact to provide support and extension. Approximately one third of each course is delivered via live online lessons, for which pupils log on in small groups for targeted instruction from the teacher.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Harrow School Online warmly welcomes pupils who meet our admissions criteria, including those who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) identified on entry or during their time at the school. We embrace our duty to make reasonable adjustments for those pupils who have SEND or additional learning needs, to ensure their access to the full curriculum and other aspects of school life.



TEACHERS AND TUTORS

Harrow School Online builds on the educational tradition of Harrow School, which combines deep subject knowledge with teaching that engages and enlightens. Teachers at Harrow School Online have been specially trained to bring that unique approach online, in order to reach pupils around the globe.

In addition to leading live teaching sessions and shaping the online self-study content, Harrow

School Online teachers serve as House Tutors, working with pupils individually each week to further their overall academic progress.

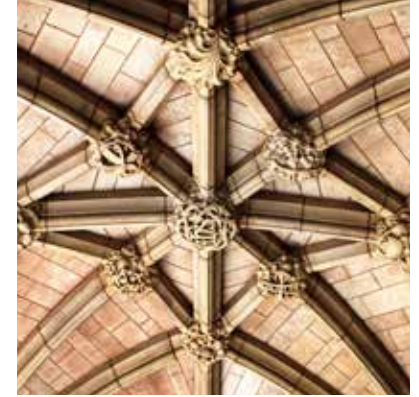
SUCCESS COACHING

As well as their teachers and tutors, each pupil has a Success Coach who supports them to thrive in the present and plan for the future. Success Coaches work with pupils to develop their academic, personal and social skills while applying to the university of their choice and preparing for the career of their dreams.

The Success Coach fulfils this critical role through a combination of fortnightly one-to-one guidance sessions and small-group sessions tailored to pupils' needs.

Harrow School Online Success Coaches also advise on various co-curricular activities, from the Debating Society and the school newspaper to the STEM Club, providing multiple opportunities to build relationships with and mentor Online Harrovians.





Harrow School Online offers a diverse programme of Super-Curricular electives beyond the International A Level subjects, on topics such as game design or the ethics of genetic engineering. Pupils have access to a wide range of learning resources selected by Harrow School Online staff, such as recorded TED Talks and guest lectures from Harrow School.

The Super-Curriculum inspires intellectual curiosity and engenders a love for learning that will remain with our pupils throughout their lives.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Beyond their academic work, pupils engage in a variety of activities that develop character, foster friendships and promote leadership and personal fulfilment. Extracurricular opportunities include online activities such as chess club, art club, robotics and a literary magazine. In addition, the co-curriculum encourages pupils to be engaged in service to their local communities.

The highly flexible “anywhere, anytime, any place” aspects of Harrow School Online allows pupils to participate in these activities throughout the week.



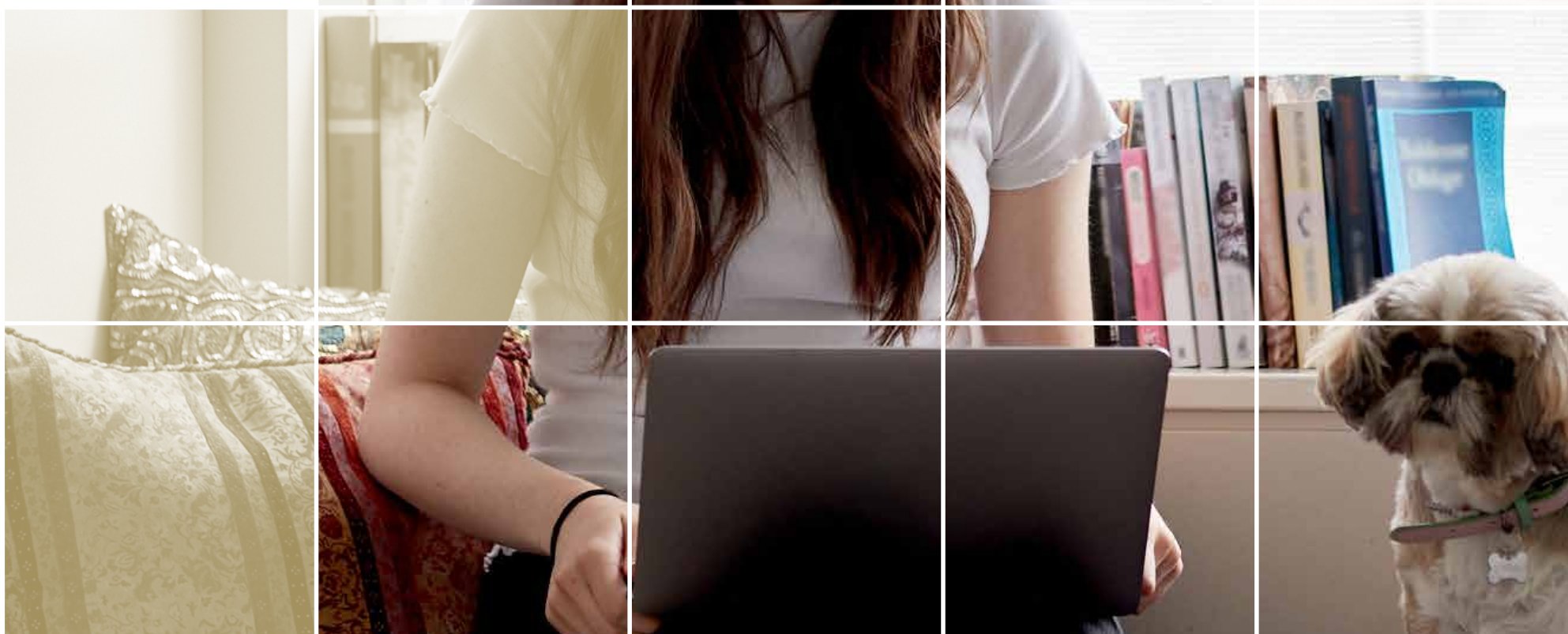
THE HOUSES

Inspired by the boarding Houses at Harrow School, Harrow School Online is organised into virtual Houses which connect pupils and staff beyond academic study.

Each House comprises approximately 75 pupils, with a Head of House selected from the Upper Sixth Form (Year 13). Houses are led by a House Master or Mistress and have a dedicated team of tutors and a Success Coach. Online House meetings provide a forum for announcements, discussion and the celebration of traditions such as inter-House competitions. Friendships between pupils are strengthened by mentoring across year groups and House-based co-curricular activities.

PARENT SUPPORT

As Harrow School Online pupils attend school primarily from home, parents have a very clear view of their children's learning and play a crucial role as mentors in promoting their success. Harrow School Online's technology platform keeps parents updated in real time on their children's progress, providing them with the tools they need to guide and motivate. Our Success Coaches work closely with our parents to help them support their children's education. Being a Harrow School Online parent requires a unique commitment, but is extremely rewarding.





TECHNOLOGY

Harrow School Online is powered by Pearson Online Classroom*, a platform used by more than 105,000 online school pupils around the world. The platform features a rich online curriculum with embedded multimedia, real-time classroom sessions, chat and secure email. Live online technical support is available during school hours.

To access Harrow School Online's many resources and connect with teachers and peers, each pupil needs a laptop or desktop computer with a modern operating system (Windows 10 or later, or Mac OS 10.7 or later) and browser (Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Internet Explorer 11 or later, Microsoft Edge, or Safari). A broadband Internet connection is required.

SAFEGUARDING

Harrow School Online provides an especially safe and constructive way for today's pupils to learn with technology. The school's online platform is secure and accessible only by enrolled pupils, their parents and school staff. All Harrow School Online pupils pledge to uphold the acceptable use policy and receive instruction in good digital citizenship and Internet safety. All Harrow School Online staff are carefully screened and specially trained to ensure a positive school environment for everyone.

*The learning management system, Pearson Connexus, is transitioning to be called Pearson Online Classroom. Therefore, you will see both names for the 2021-22 school year as items are updated. The way you log in and the functionality of the system will remain the same.



A DAY IN THE LIFE

Imagine Asha Sharma, an Online Harrovian.

Aged 17, Asha lives in Manchester, England. She has her sights set on the University of Oxford, a career in neuroscience, maybe even a Nobel Prize one day - which is why she is thrilled to have been accepted to Harrow School Online.

Asha is engaged in a rigorous, bespoke programme of A Levels, super-curricular electives and extracurricular activities. But Asha's main focus is her academic work: she loves that her daily lessons include deep, challenging material that she can master at her own pace, live online sessions with her teachers and peers, individual guidance, and video masterclass segments featuring speakers from Harrow School and elsewhere.

Asha is also developing her leadership skills by spearheading a school-wide science book group and preparing a TED-style talk about gaming and neuroplasticity. She also volunteers at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital for one hour each week.

Although she is busy and focused, Asha always enjoys the time she spends in weekly House meetings where she has made some good friends from China, Russia, and the UAE. She is looking forward to the chemistry field trip next March, when she'll get to meet up with them in person.

Meanwhile, Asha's parents are delighted to have discovered this premium-quality but affordable schooling option for Asha. They are also glad to have direct insight into her learning and regular opportunities to consult via email and video chat with Asha's teachers, tutors and Success Coach about her progress.





OUR SUBJECTS

Harrow School Online offers the most in-demand International A Level subjects: Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Economics and A Level Spanish.

Each two-year course is specially designed to provide a rich and rigorous online learning experience, combining text, video and interactive simulations.

Pupils receive 5.25 hours of instruction per subject per week, including 1.25 hours taught live by our teachers in an online classroom. In addition, our pupils conduct 3.75 hours of learning by completing rich, interactive self-study lessons, while their teachers monitor their progress and provide individualised help.





MATHS AND FURTHER MATHS

Mathematics is a vital part of all areas of modern life. At Harrow School Online, the International A Level courses in Maths and Further Maths provide a sound background for any pupil wishing to pursue a Mathematics or Mathematics-based degree. Maths and Further Maths develop pupils' understanding of Mathematics and mathematical processes, illuminate the relationship between real-world problems and mathematical models and promote the use of Mathematics as a means of communication.

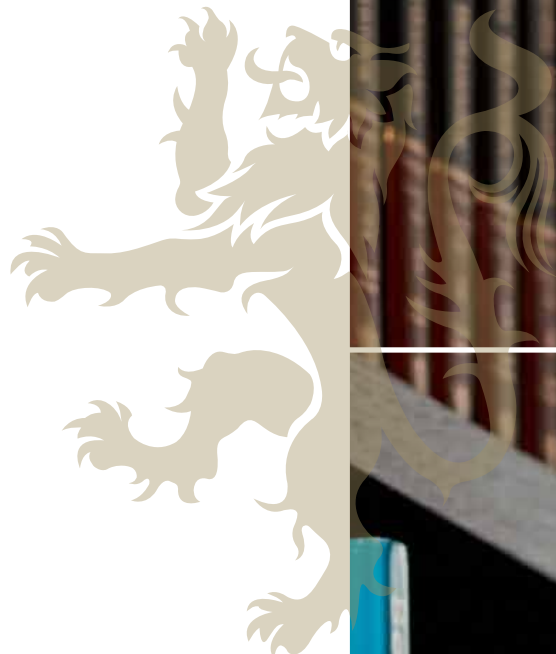
BIOLOGY

Biology is a very relevant, stimulating and demanding A Level subject. Successful candidates are scientifically minded, numerate and able to articulate ideas and concepts on paper in a clear and logical way. It is well supported by Chemistry and Mathematics A Levels which, along with Biology, should be taken by pupils who intend to study Biological Sciences, Medicine or Veterinary Medicine at university.

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry is the study of the elements and their compounds. Everything we see, touch or taste is made up of chemicals, and the world of technology would not exist but for the materials inside them, many developed and manufactured by chemists. At Harrow School Online, the Chemistry course includes the exploration of theoretical concepts and the application of Mathematics. Our challenging practical simulations are inspired by cutting-edge real-world laboratory technology.





PHYSICS

Physics is very much the subject of the age — and our two-year course prepares pupils to master it. Physics has the reputation of being a difficult subject because of its unique conceptual challenges. It requires a particular, often counter-intuitive way of thinking that can be difficult to acquire but which, once mastered, has innumerable benefits such as enhanced problem solving skills. This is the main reason why physicists are so highly sought-after in the workplace, in fields as diverse as engineering, finance, education, IT, communications and government research. Famously, The Simpsons is written by Physics graduates!

ECONOMICS

Economics allows you to understand human behaviour. Why does a person choose McDonald's over Burger King? Economics would look at this situation by comparing the marginal utility derived to the price charged. Economics is also behind every government policy decision. Why do we have to wear a mask during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak? The answer is to force the individual to consider that a third party may contract the disease. Studying Economics will help you to understand the logic and the illogic of individual, group and government decisions, and become a more informed individual.

SPANISH

Spanish is the study of a language spoken by more than 450 million people around the world. Whether you want to study Spanish for travel, for a future career, or to gain insight into the Hispanic world (Spanish now has more first-language speakers than English!), the skill set you will acquire will last for the rest of your life, as you will learn to be more creative and will learn to see things from other people's point of view.

You will also study Almodóvar's remarkable 2006 film *Volver*, and Laura Esquivel's 1989 masterpiece *Como agua para chocolate*.





INDIVIDUAL A LEVEL SUBJECTS

In addition to its full-time Sixth Form programme, Harrow School Online offers individual International A Level subjects for pupils wishing to experience high-quality online schooling on a part-time basis.

Pupils who are enrolled in a full-time school elsewhere may participate in Harrow School Online's individual courses in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, or Spanish or choose our special intensive combination of Maths and Further Maths.

Pupils will receive the same teaching and learning experience for an individual subject as pupils attending the school full-time.

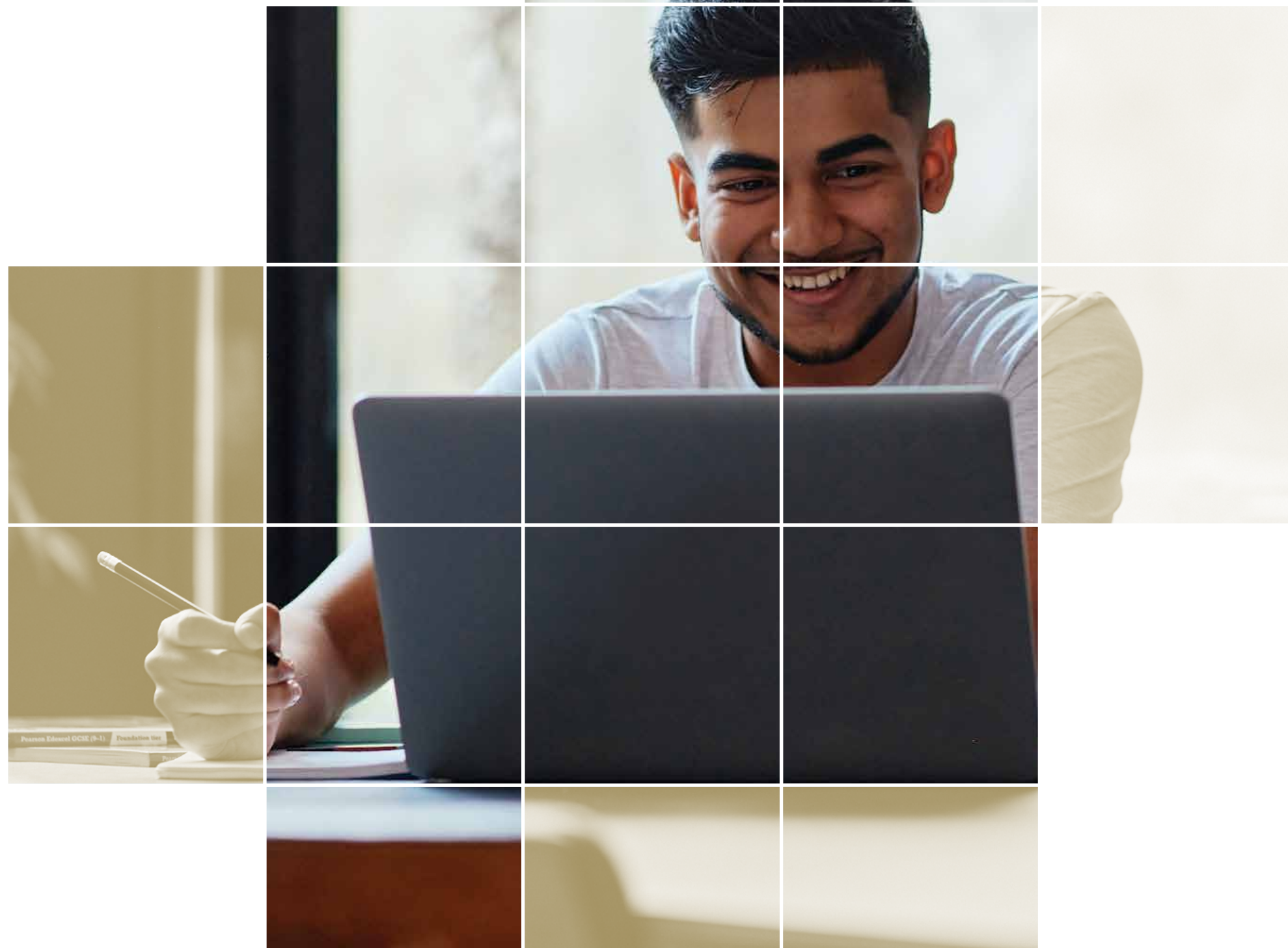
EXAMINATIONS

The examination board for pupils at Harrow School Online is Pearson Edexcel.

Pearson Edexcel International A Levels are globally recognised qualifications which open doors to top local and international universities.

International A Levels have a modular structure, yet remain comparable to A Levels. This has been confirmed by NARIC, the agency responsible for providing information and expert opinion on qualifications worldwide.

Pupils choose where to sit their Pearson Edexcel International A Level examinations from a list of approved examination centres, which are conveniently located throughout the world.





TERM DATES

Harrow School Online operates on the British academic year, with lessons for the next Autumn term starting in September 2022. Terms run from September to mid-December, January to early April, and late April to June. Pupils are expected to devote approximately 30 hours per week to their Harrow School Online activities, including flexible access to all of their course studies and scheduled timings for live sessions with teachers, tutors and peers. Applications for the 2022 school year are now open.

PRE-START SUMMER COURSE

In 2022, global health conditions permitting, pupils at Harrow School Online are invited to attend a pre-start summer course at Harrow School for an additional fee. Pupils can experience Harrow School's historic setting, and meet some of the Harrow School Online teachers and peers. Our summer programmes include options for pupils to improve their English skills and to build their confidence in debate and presentation. Pupils are kept busy with an exciting programme of excursions around London, team-building activities, and a chance to try some traditional Harrow sports, such as fencing and fives. Attendance is optional but encouraged as a great way to get to know fellow Online Harrovians.



ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

We expect pupils at Harrow School Online to successfully navigate an online International A Level and to succeed at this critical stage of their education. We look for pupils who will embrace and abide by Harrow School's Values of courage, honour, humility and fellowship. To be admitted to Harrow School Online, prospective pupils must demonstrate:

- Academic potential: For pupils who have taken GCSEs or International GCSEs, we look for grades of 7-8-9 or A-A* in seven to eight subjects. All applicants will also take subject entrance tests.
- English language proficiency: See our English requirements below.
- Suitability for online study: Online education requires a degree of self-motivation and self-management.
- A good behavioural record and the potential to lead a life of learning, leadership, service and personal fulfilment, in line with Harrow School's purpose.

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

English is the language of instruction and engagement at Harrow School Online. Pupils who are not native speakers of English must demonstrate a minimum level of English Language proficiency through one of the following tests:

- PTE Academic, Overall Score 58;
- IELTS, Band 6.5;
- TOEFL (IBT), 86.

Candidates who have not been able to sit an English language test prior to making an application may request to sit our in-house English test.

For those who need them, Harrow School Online offers support classes in English as an Additional Language (EAL) for an additional fee, prior to or in combination with their Sixth Form studies.





APPLICATION PROCESS

Harrow School Online has a three-stage application process. For forms and assessment window dates, please see the website, harrowschoolonline.org.

Stage 1: Fill in the Application Form, including a written personal statement. If English is not the applicant’s first language, they must present proof of their English proficiency level.

Stage 2: Register for an assessment window. Assessment includes an entrance test in each subject applied for, and an academic interview with a subject specialist.

Stage 3: A short interview with the Principal.

Shortly after this, the admissions panel will confirm whether Harrow School Online can offer the applicant a place. A scholarship is offered to the top 10% of successful applicants for fulltime enrolment in each assessment window.





APPLY TODAY

Detailed information about the Harrow School Online programme, fees, admissions process and more are available on our website: harrowsonline.org.

Visit the Admissions section of the website to initiate an application for the upcoming school year.

Places at Harrow School Online are limited, so prospective pupils should begin the application process as soon as possible.



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