

# AIMS AND PRINCIPLES OF BOARDING AT HARROW SCHOOL



## SCHOOL'S PURPOSE AND VALUES

Harrow prepares boys with diverse backgrounds and interests for a life of public service, learning, leadership and personal fulfilment.

Harrow broadens access to our world-class education through full-fee assistance places and other bursaries on a means-tested basis.

Harrow as a community commits significant resource to building long-term relationships with partner schools and organisations to provide programmes to improve the life chances of young people who face significant barriers to progress.

Harrow commits to working for these purposes in the most environmentally sustainable manner.

Our purpose is underpinned by our values of Courage, Honour, Humility and Fellowship and delivered through:

- Scholarship - Encouraging intellectual curiosity, independent thought and effective learning habits.
- Opportunity - Ensuring boys become their better selves by developing their potential, thereby increasing their educational and career opportunities.
- Character - Developing and maturing the individual, enabling boys to uncover the talents, skills and values to be of good influence beyond Harrow.
- People - Admitting boys who will thrive and contribute at Harrow, and recruiting and nurturing staff who facilitate excellence.
- Operations - Providing environments, infrastructure and functions that make us leaders in our field.

## DURING A BOY'S TIME AT HARROW WE SEEK TO:

- Safeguard and promote his welfare in an environment that is, as far as possible, safe from physical hazards and dangers;
- Develop his character;
- Inculcate in him a desire for truth, honesty and respect for all others;
- Respect his right to privacy and foster in him a respect for other people's privacy and possessions;
- Develop in him a sense of responsibility for himself, others and the environment;
- Develop his sense of service, his leadership qualities, and his ability to work as part of a team;
- Ensure he has equality of opportunity in all that the School has to offer;
- Acknowledge the importance of his links with his family as an indispensable part of his support and development;
- Encourage him to lead a healthy lifestyle and to value its importance for his future at university and beyond; and
- Equip him with the necessary knowledge and skills for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## WITHIN EACH HOUSE AND IN THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE WE SEEK TO:

- Create an atmosphere of positive and mutual encouragement that promotes boys' intellectual, spiritual, cultural, moral and social growth, and in which striving for and achieving excellence are respected and admired;
- Foster an open and trusting ethos within which every boy feels able to approach any other member of the School community, whether boy or adult, confident that he will be treated and respected as an individual; and
- Ensure there is a culture in which all boys strongly reject bullying of all kinds, and understand and accept that Harrow is a diverse and inclusive community in which there must be equality of opportunity for all.

These aims and principles resonate with the School's overarching **purpose** and **values** outlined above.