



Harrow High School Sixth Form



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“ I really enjoy studying at sixth form here. The new facilities are really fantastic. We have a brand new IT suite, which has internet access. So instead of going straight home to do my homework, I just stay here after school and do my research on the computer. ”

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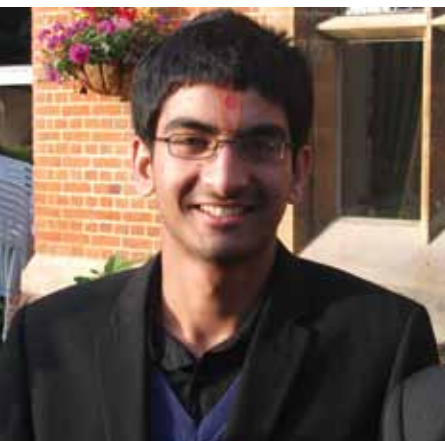
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“ We were impressed with the excellent way you get on with each other and with your teachers; some of you told us about the sense of family in the school. Most of you behave very well and have good attendance, and many of you help other students, for example by being mentors or coaches. ”

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“ The headteacher and staff are very good at making improvements in the school and have done so for attainment, progress, behaviour and attendance ”



Message

from the Head of Sixth Form

I hope you will find this Sixth Form prospectus interesting and informative.

The Sixth Form at Harrow High School is flourishing but small, with a maximum of only 150 students, therefore all students are personally known to us. This makes our Sixth form a friendly, tight knit community that we call “our school family”.

The Sixth form students enjoy the benefits of excellent facilities in our own building. We believe that a Sixth Form education at HHS offers a wide range of opportunities.

- The Sixth Form achieves very good results
- We can offer a wide range of subjects as we part of the Harrow Collegiate.
- Students currently at HHS will benefit from being taught by staff that know them and their learning styles. Those coming from other schools will find the 6th form welcoming and friendly. We have high expectations and the relationships between staff and pupils are excellent.
- There is a high level of pastoral care and enormous support for students, including the process of applying to university.
- The Sixth form provides a wide range of opportunities to develop leadership skills, including mentoring younger students.
- We take part in many fund raising events for the 6th form charity the “Willow Foundation”

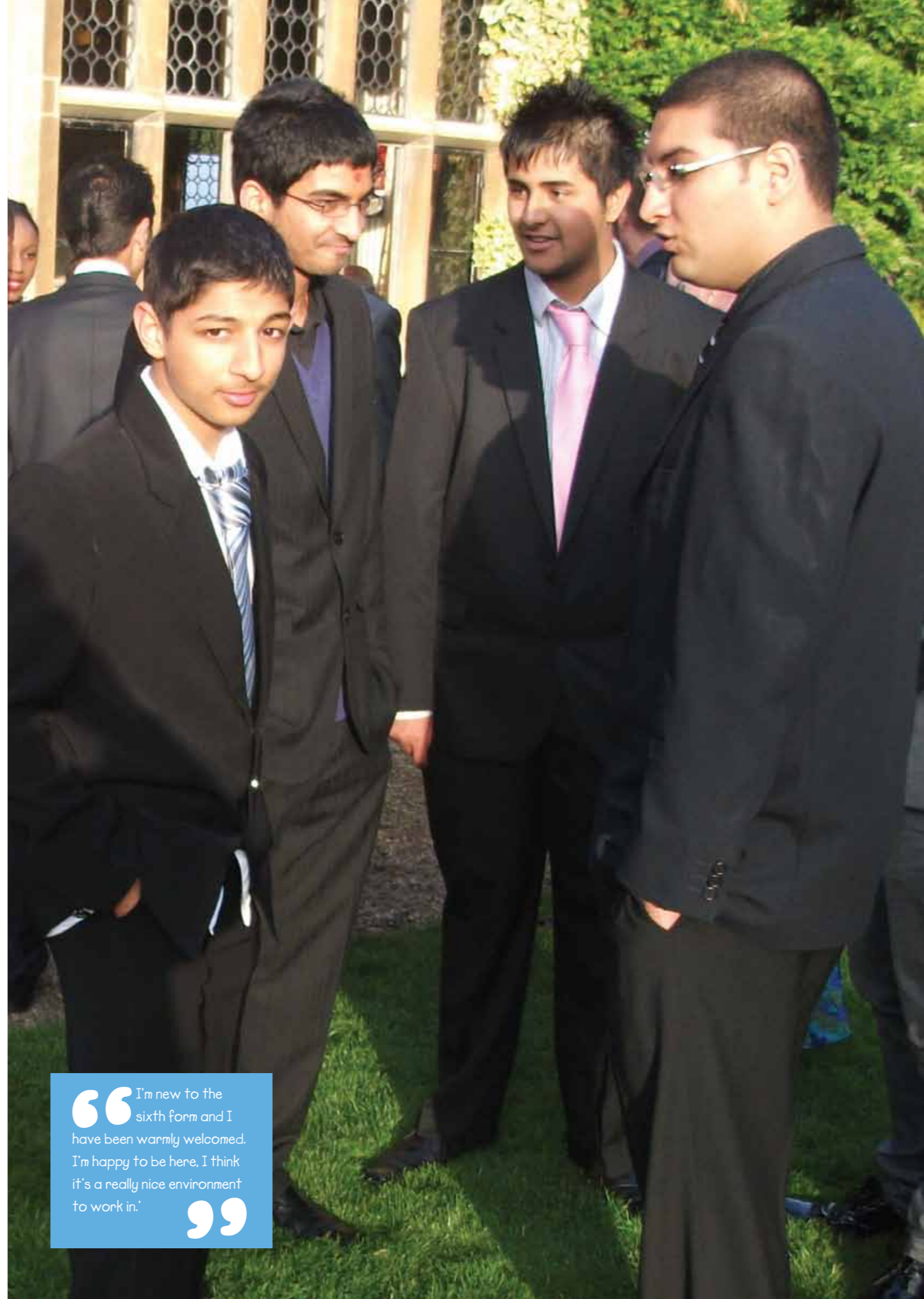
This prospectus indicates the courses run here at HHS, for the full list available to us as part of the Harrow Collegiate, please see the Collegiate prospectus.

The collegiate has been set up to give Harrow students more choice and options post 16. We work with 9 other schools, 3 colleges, 2 special schools and the Harrow Skills centre to offer more subjects and courses.

If parents of students require any further information, they should contact me at school.

Dianne Campbell
Head of Sixth Form

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“ I'm new to the sixth form and I have been warmly welcomed. I'm happy to be here. I think it's a really nice environment to work in. ”



The Collegiate

The Collegiate has been set up in response to the requests of many parents and students in Harrow. It includes ten school sixth forms, three Colleges, two special schools and the Harrow Skills Centre. This gives you more subject options and choice in where you want to study. You may be able to study all your subjects in one 'home' sixth form, or widen your options by taking subjects at both sixth form and college or at two school sixth forms. This approach to learning allows you to consider a wide selection of subjects to give you the combination you would like.

Last year, 100% of learners who applied to university undertook the pathway to their chosen career the following term.

Vocational courses:

BTEC Extended Diploma in Business Studies
BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport
(Equivalent to three A levels)
Entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at A* - C including English

AS/A2 subjects offered on site:

Art (Fine)
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Economics
English Literature
History
ICT
Law
Mathematics
Physics
Psychology
Sport & PE

Entry requirements:

Six GCSEs at A* - C including English and Maths
For AS Maths and Physics you will need a B in Maths Sixth Form Trips

Environment and Facilities

One of the most recent exciting developments has been the opening of our new Sixth Form block. Since 2009 we have a dedicated block just for the 6th form; it provides classrooms, an ICT suite, separate examination suite, 6th form toilets, study area and common room. The block has air conditioning which is useful for the summer examination series.

The whole building is fitted with wireless technology and equipped with interactive data projectors and screens. There is a full equipped ICT suite.

The 6th form at Harrow High now have study facilities that reflect the position of the Sixth Form at the very pinnacle of the school.



“Sixth form Students make good progress as a result of the good teaching and high-quality care they receive. The school's closer tracking of attainment against targets this year has diminished the previous variation between subjects, so that achievement at A level is now more consistently good”

“The excellent support, advice and guidance enable all A-level students to complete their courses and a very high proportion of students leaving the sixth form to go on to education or employment. Students develop strong personal qualities, for example through acting as mentors to younger students, eco-warriors or sports coaches”



“The sixth form is a homely environment. Everyone is friendly and helpful and I always feel able to ask for support whenever I need it.”



Sixth Form Trips

There are numerous opportunities for our Sixth formers to attend conventions, conference, summer schools etc in preparation for university.

We also run specific trips linked to subjects e.g The psychology department visits the phobia seminar at London Zoo and the Freud museum in London. The Biology Department runs a residential field trip to Cromer in Norfolk.

The ICT and Business department recently took year 12/13 on a 4 day visit to Prague to look at the workings of a car plant; we also made a link with a school in Prague; spending the day there. The same school will soon be coming over to visit us here at Harrow High Sixth Form.

The Willow Foundation

We offer a varied enrichment programme under the umbrella of the "Willow Foundation". This is the chosen charity of the Sixth Form.

The Willow Foundation is the only charity of its kind providing special days for seriously ill 16 to 40 year olds throughout the UK.

Special days

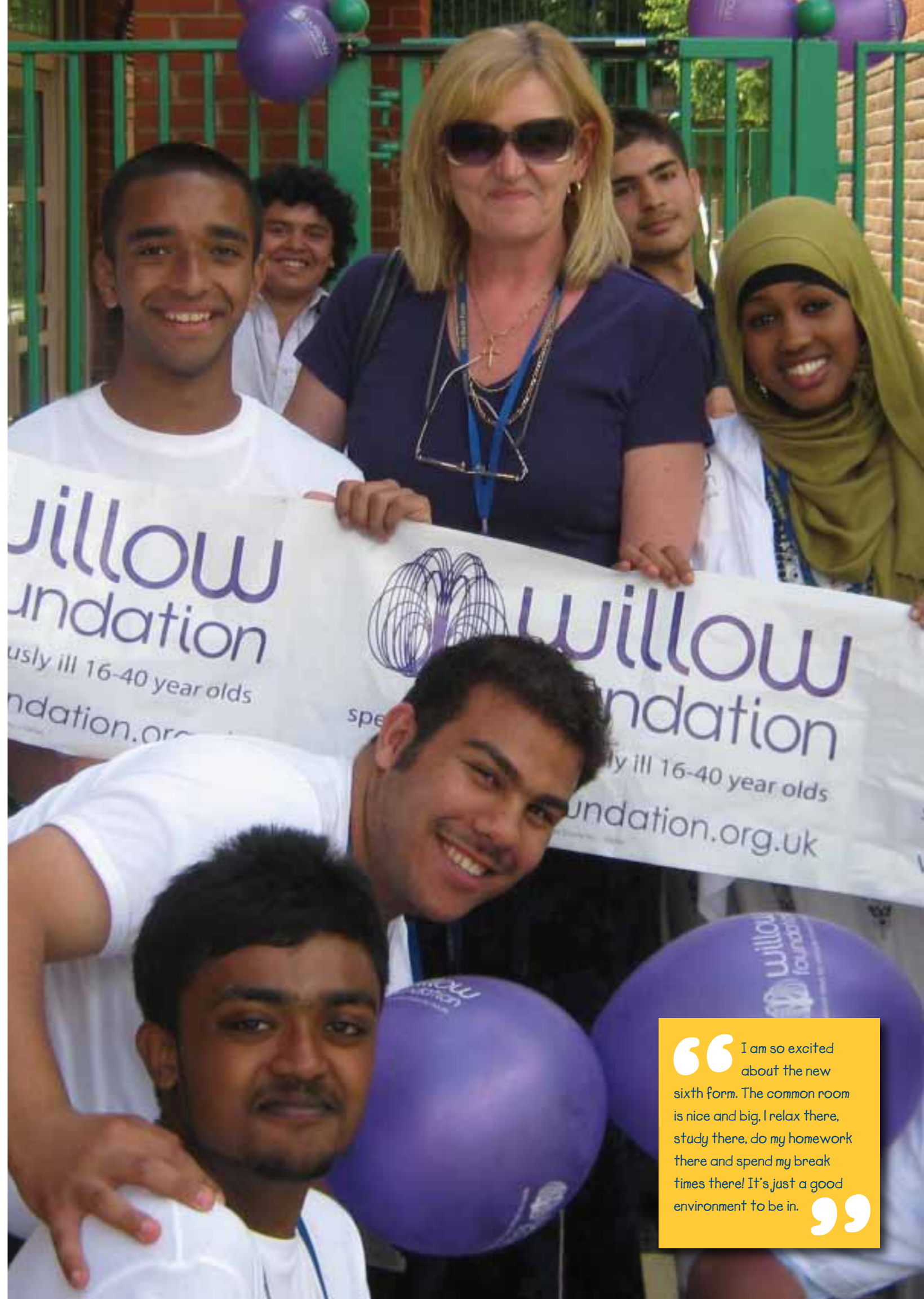
Special days aim to give seriously ill 16 to 40 year olds a break from the stress and difficult realities of diagnosis and treatment. They offer the chance to spend quality time with family and friends doing something they will all enjoy and creating precious memories.

The charity defines seriously ill as any condition that is life-threatening. This includes cancer, motor neurone-disease, cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, Huntington's, organ failure and many others. All applications must meet the charity's medical criteria and be endorsed by a medical professional involved in the individual's care.

Willow strives to create a unique and unforgettable day that is tailored to the needs and dreams of every beneficiary. He or she chooses exactly what they would like to do on their special day and Willow aims to meet and, wherever possible, exceed their expectations, making the day truly special and memorable.

The Sixth form have a charity committee that organises events across the year to raise money e.g. Harrow High's got talent competition, Time for Tea, Quiz night, sporting events, Wear something purple day etc.

Students also sit on the 6th form council and Learner voice. The 6th formers are also encouraged to mentor learners in the lower school. We have our own senior prefect team led by the Senior Head Boy and Girl.



“6th form tutors constantly monitor students' progress and any underperformance is identified and support matched closely to students' needs”



“I would say my time at the sixth form has been a bit of a roller coaster. The change from GCSE to A Level has made me work to a standard that I didn't know I could. With the help and encouragement of teachers I have been able to meet specific targets and work to the best of my ability.”

“I am so excited about the new sixth form. The common room is nice and big, I relax there, study there, do my homework there and spend my break times there! It's just a good environment to be in.”



Learning at Harrow High Sixth Form

Our dedicated and highly skilled staff ensures excellent teaching and learning for all of our learners. We are a small sixth form with small class sizes and this means more quality time for each and every learner. The personal touch is a defining quality of every child's education at the School. Staff at Harrow High School take pride in understanding and responding to the individual needs of every learner. Our aim is to develop independent learners who are confident, competent and articulate young people.



Outstanding Care, Guidance and Support

We believe the key to success comes from staff and learners understanding their goals and taking the right steps towards them. To support this success, learners and parents receive three progress reports a year. Tutors will discuss each progress report with every learner identifying 'next steps' for success. Learners' goals are monitored and reviewed regularly and additional support provided where there is a need. Parents are invited to meet subject teachers and form tutors every year to review their child's progress. Meetings are also arranged by the Head of sixth form to discuss care, guidance and support where an individual learner's need for greater personalisation is identified. Meeting the personal needs of every child really does matter at Harrow High School sixth form.

Working with Parents

We understand that parents and those who care for children may wish to be involved in their child's progress and activities at school. As well as three reports and a parental consultation evening, a 'parent portal' (www.hhsweb.org) gives parents secure online access to real time 'live' information about their child, allowing parents to track everything from achievement to attendance. Information about key events and learners' achievements are included in our comprehensive weekly Friday letter, issued to learners and also available on the school website.

Life After Harrow High Sixth Form

The students are supported, throughout their time with us, in their choices post 18. While the most of our learners go onto university some find employment or take up apprenticeships.

Year 12 have a week off timetable to start their UCAS application process. They attend workshops on applying on line, student finance, university life, writing a personal statement etc. We encourage students to attend university open days, lectures and summer schools as well as inviting lecturers into our sixth form to talk to our students.

We run mock interviews for those called to university interview to help them prepare for this. It is always difficult to say goodbye to year 13 as they move forward on life's journey. To mark the occasion we organise a farewell dinner which is always enjoyed by students and staff alike. This has taken place at a local hotel with a dinner and dance.

It is always pleasing to see so many year 13 achieve their required grades and move on to university. In the past we have sent students to Oxford, UCL, Queen Mary's, Imperial, Warwick, Manchester, Brunel etc. They have studied a range of courses from Medicine, Biomedicine, Politics, Law, Engineering, History, Business finance and Dentistry to name but a few.

“ Studying in the sixth form requires a more independent way of working than the kind you do at GCSE level. The help and guidance of the teachers who work here is comforting. I feel really well supported. ”



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