



HARROW COLLEGE INFORMATION SHEET

General Information

Harrow College was formed in 1999 following a merger and we currently operate from two sites, at Harrow-on-the-Hill and Harrow Weald, as well as from a number of community outreach locations. We serve an ethnically diverse local population and provide courses across most subject areas. We operate a dedicated and successful sixth form and manage Harrow Skills Centre which provides training in Construction for young people aged 14-19. We have been awarded Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) status in retail and have been recognised by the LSC as a Centre of Excellence for the deaf

Our most recent Ofsted report from 2006 concluded that we are in a good position to build on our strengths which include good quality of provision, sound leadership, good capacity to improve and very good use of accommodation. We were also found to be outstanding in our approach to educational and social inclusion – a core part of the College's mission and an area in which we are proud of our achievements.

We are currently planning for a new College – One Harrow – which will see us making a significant capital investment in a new building next to Harrow-on-the-Hill station. This development will replace our existing sites and provide an attractive, flexible and 21st century space for our 9,000+ learners.

The College employs 450 staff of whom 12% are Managers, 39% are Lecturers and 49% are Student and Business Support staff

The number of students in 2007-08 on roll was 9,576, of whom 3,136 were aged 16-18

Mission Statement:

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

Vision:

We strive for excellence in all we do. We seek to develop new learning opportunities for the community.

Strategic objectives:

- Achieve continuous improvement in quality and standards
- Increase and widen participation in lifelong learning
- Maintain sound financial health
- Strengthen arrangements for collaboration and partnership

The Curriculum

Curriculum provision at Harrow College is delivered by three major faculties – Arts and Computing, Business and Humanities, Science and Health – as well as Business Base (The College for Business).

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. We have over 2300 full time students studying a range of academic and vocational programmes. Over 800 students each year move on to university thanks to the expertise and support of teaching and careers staff.

Harrow Skills Centre is a new LSC/ LEA/ College 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'.

In addition Leardirect packages in IT, Management, Environmental Management, Multimedia and Basic Skills are available through the University for Industry (Ufi).