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Stimulating Brilliance

WELCOME TO HARROW INDEPENDENT COLLEGE

Harrow Independent College (HIC) was founded by Mr Kandiah Kandeepan, who has worked in the educational industry in the UK for almost 20 years. HIC offers full-time and part-time education for postfourteen students.

HIC was formed as a subsidiary of Harrow Tutorial College, which over the last ten years has developed an exceptional reputation in delivering private classes in Mathematics, Science, Economics and English for pupils of different age groups, particularly in the evenings and at weekends. By annexing a neighbouring building in 2016, HIC was formed and has now emerged as a new independent school in Harrow, with a focus on small class sizes in order to maximise student potential.

The GCE Advanced Level programmes at HIC are designed to promote students to Higher Education in a wide range of fields, including: Engineering, Mathematics, the Sciences, Medicine, Economics, Finance, Computer Science, Law, Psychology and many others. Students are expected to work hard with us and there is regular testing throughout their study programme to ensure that they are absolutely prepared. Our rigorous approach to teaching and learning enables our students to secure a place at a university in their chosen field of study. They also receive both internal and external support on how to succeed in their UCAS application.

In short, HIC helps students to reach their maximum potential by offering focused learning in small classes, personalised to each student's needs, which provides an excellent pathway to exam and university application success.

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Mr Kandiah Kandeepan Principal Harrow Independent College MSc Imperial College, London PGCE University of Greenwich



HARROW INDEPENDENT COLLEGE School of Mathematics, Science & Economics

PHILOSOPHY

HIC believes that personal attention is the hallmark of a successful college. With this in mind, we have an average class size of six to eight, and we allocate a personal tutor to every student.

The College strives to stimulate independent enquiry and intellectual curiosity to foster a secure sense of individuality. This is achieved within a framework of sensible discipline based on sound moral values.

TEACHING & LEARNING

HIC benefits from a strong, competitive community which fuels student learning, but also from a relaxed relationship between staff and students, based on mutual trust and respect.

The College tailors its teaching abilities to individual student needs. From entry to HIC, the tutors work with each student to build a student plan consisting of SMART targets alongside a work timetable to best ensure such aspirations are met. HIC has discovered that it is in fact those who struggle in a more traditional school environment who benefit most from such personal attention.

As the student progresses at HIC so their ambitions and desires may change. Each week every student has a tutor meeting where the aims of the student plan may be iteratively amended as needed. This process continues until the student exits HIC. Many students are targeting medical schools or high-demand universities and so our target setting on these courses is especially rigorous. The main generalised target of HIC is to enable students to achieve outstanding grades they strive for, so that they have the ability to enter into Russell Group and other universities.

We never lose sight of the specific examination needs of each subject. HIC strongly believes examination testing to be integral to ensuring student success. Regular practice is a feature of which HIC is very proud. Students are given a timed and invigilated practice paper session for each of their subjects every week. By the end of the year students will have accumulated a vast quantity of such practice under strict exam conditions, so that they are thoroughly prepared for the final exams.

Results are monitored and discussed with students. Concerns at this stage are reported to parents so that constructive conversations can take place between us. However, whilst grades remain the key focus we never forget the importance of gaining a breadth of knowledge across all subject areas.

STRENGTHS OF HARROW INDEPENDENT COLLEGE:

- High standards of education
- One-to-one student-teacher relationship
- Small class sizes
- Regular exam practice
- Quality education, yet affordable
- Highly qualified & long-serving staff
- Location

HIC'S UNIQUE SMART APPROACH TO EXAMS

We encourage all our students to use the **SMART** approach to Examinations





RELEVANT to the syllabus and exam



TIME-BOUND to a target date for completion before the exam



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WHY CHOOSE HIC?

HIC is an independent Sixth Form and GCSE College specialising in STEM subjects, i.e. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Each student is given individual attention by a personal tutor and subject teachers. The comfort of small class sizes promotes a better student- teacher relationship. The college is always helping students to reach their maximum potential by offering focused learning in small classes. Additionally, students are given weekly practice paper sessions under strict exam conditions. Our highly gualified and experienced teachers work with students using SWOT analyses. This technique enables them to identify the strengths and weaknesses of students, provide better opportunities to enhance their knowledge and confidence, and eliminate threats like stress.

The college provides various engagement opportunities to students such as debates, work experiences and shadowing, external and internal exam preparation workshops, student assemblies, knowledge quizzes, external field trips and university preparation workshops. Revision and exam preparation classes provide students with that desired additional support which is needed to keep ahead of the competition, particularly in Medicine and Dentistry.

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In short, HIC helps students to reach their maximum potential using an appropriate blend of our strengths to success, which are:

- 1. Small class sizes
- 2. Weekly practice paper sessions under exam conditions
- 3. Well qualified and highly experienced teachers
- 4. Individual Learning Plans based on a SWOT strategic planning matrix
- 5. Tutorial sessions in addition to regular lessons
- 6. A variety of engagement opportunities
- 7. Additional revision and exam preparation classes
- 8. Inbuilt University Preparation Program (UPP)
- 9. Excellent record of university placements

Gurudaran Sabeshan, Universtity College London (UCL)

Studying in his dream university now. Gurudaran got 5 University offers while studying at HIC out of which he selected University College London (UCL). HIC provided an excellent standard of teaching which allowed me to get the grades A* A A, which means that I can go to my dream University (UCL) to study Statistics, Economics and Finance.

COURSES

- A) GCSE General Certificate of Secondary Education
- . One Year Intensive GCSE Programme - Our One year intensive GCSE programme is available for candidates wishing to retake their GCSEs and complete their course with higher grades. This course is also suitable for candidates who have already completed Year 10 elsewhere, however are not satisfied with the results and are looking for a fresh start in Year 11.
- 2. Full Two Year Regular GCSE Programme - Candidates enrolling in Year 10 normally follow the conventional two years of GCSE education.

Subject options: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography, Psychology, Politics, Economics, French, German and Arts.

B) GCE - General Certificate in Education or Advanced Level

- 1. One Year Intensive A Level Programme - This course offers an intensive approach to the candidate's chosen subjects. This one-year focused approach is useful for candidates who have completed AS Levels and/or A Levels elsewhere however have not achieved their desired grades and therefore wish to retake their exams.
- 2. Two Year Regular A Level Programme - This is designed for candidates who have completed their GCSE courses. Candidates will study 3 to 4 subjects in the AS Levels and prepare 3 of these subjects for their A levels. High calibre candidates may continue with all 4 subjects.
- 3. 18 Month Intensive A Level Programme - Our 18 Months A Level Intensive Programme begins in January. It is particularly suitable for candidates who wish to retake the full 2-year A Level programme, but were unable to begin in September, or who wish to change school after a term.

Subjects: Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Computer Science, Economics, English Language and Literature, Sociology, Psychology, Politics, Law and Accounting.

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Rishiharan Raghulan, Watford Grammar School for Boys Harrow Independent College has brilliant teachers who are determined to help us excel as students. My grades have improved in my subjects after studying at this college. Teachers helps us do lots of past paper practice and the content is taught thoroughly with each topic explained well. Studying at HIC is a wonderful experience as it has enriched my knowledge in my subjects.



C) Evening and Weekend Part-Time classes

HIC along with Harrow Tutorial College (HTC) offers evening and weekend tuition to students of all age groups.

HTC is a tuition centre that has been offering group tuition for students aged 8 to 19 for almost 10 years. Tuition is provided in all major subjects – i.e. English, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Economics and the Sciences in evenings, on weekends and during school holidays. We also offer tuition for other subjects like Computer Science and Psychology. Our tuition services range from Key Stage 2-5, 11+, revision and special classes for GCSE and A Level.

For the past 8 years almost 100% of our part-time students have shown improvement in their grades. Our teachers are highly qualified and possess quality experience in teaching children of all age groups. Our core strengths with regards to weekend tuition are:

- Small or medium class sizes
- Highly qualified and experienced teachers
- Regular and consistent homework and feedback
- Facilitating revision and practicing exam style questions
- Building confidence and developing personality
- Value added to their current grades
- Student Support





D) BTEC Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Computing and BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) in Data Analytics & Intelligent Systems

Data Analytics (DA) is one of the blooming disciplines and it is taking a lead role in business, commerce and other relevant sectors. It is transforming them into datadriven decision makers which help them to increase their productivity. Statistics show that there is currently a shortage of skilled data analysts.

On the other hand, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a part of our lives; from mobile phones to selfdriving cars, anything with technology will not function without AI. There is a high demand for AI and many job opportunities are available for AI engineers in a wide range of industries.

HIC is bringing DA and AI specialised Higher Education to your doorstep. HIC provides 2 HNC to HND programmes for aspiring candidates to become DA and AI experts.

- HND in Data Analytics programme:

This is ideal for candidates who would like to develop their career in DA.

- HND in Intelligent Systems programme:

This is ideal for candidates who wish to build a career in the Artificial Intelligence sector.

HIC provides excellence in education and hands-on training, whilst also being affordable and good value for money.

Career prospects can include AI Engineers and Machine-Learning Engineers, alternatively there are opportunities for AI-based Game Developers.

The HNC/HND programmes at HIC offer a choice of a general computing strand at Level 4 and two specialist pathways at Level 5.

Path 1: Data Analytics

Path 2: Intelligent Systems



STUDENT SUPPORT

The college is committed to help its students in each and every phase of their education. There are several standard procedures to provide student support. Our teachers always keep a check on students' overall behavior so that whenever they need extra support, they are able to provide it. The core areas of student support are:

EXPERT ADVICE ON SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

In a world where gualifications are of ever-increasing importance, the central concern of the College is to present each student with ambitious personal goals whilst ensuring that these are also realistic and attainable. It can be difficult to know which subjects to choose for Advanced level and so we are here to give expert advice on subject combinations. We have a wealth of knowledge about the university entrance system which means we can really help target the subject choices correctly. The college is, however, a flexible environment and we do support freedom of movement between subjects and disciplines where it is felt this is needed. If we are not able to determine an exact programme of study at the start of a student's course, it may be possible to sit on a number of subjects for a short period. We can provide expert advice on the most suitable combination of subjects at interview and during your course of study.

SPECIAL REVISION CLASSES

Before exams, students are likely to be particularly concerned about exam techniques, time-saving tips, less common questions types, and so on.

The special revision classes have been designed to deal with such exam preparation, to discuss different techniques about how to tackle different types of exam questions. These revision classes help the students to develop confidence and focus their preexisting content knowledge onto the actual exams.

CAREER ADVICE SUPPORT

HIC is proud of its tradition of helping all students to fulfill their potential. In addition to our inspirational teaching and academic tutelage, HIC provides excellent student support in both the selection of and application to the most appropriate Higher Education institution.

STUDENT COUNSELLING TO HELP WITH STRESS

Students may come to the counselling service with a wide range of personal or study-related issues which are causing concern or emotional distress. HIC's Student Counselling Service assists students with a variety of concerns, and is available to all full-time students of HIC. It is free and confidential.

ONE-TO-ONE LESSONS

In addition to regular classes, oneto-one sessions are often arranged to cater to individual needs, by focusing on particular problem areas.

UPP

The University Preparation Program (UPP) is our special course for students who are planning to apply to UK universities. With our UPP there are several benefits attached. Some of the important aspects which are covered in this program are:

- Providing tips and techniques on how to write a personal statement.
- Proving useful instructions and advice on taking interviews.
- Providing personalised feedback and information on a variety of potential universities in the UK.
- Assisting candidates in selecting the best universities across the UK.

PERSONAL TUTORS

A personal tutor is an academic member of staff who takes an active interest in a student's academic progress and university experience, and is concerned with a student's general welfare. At HIC, each student has a designated personal tutor whom they can always feel free to approach. Personal tutors carry out fortnightly discussions with their tutees pertaining to their academic progression, which includes creating their Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) every term.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC)

HIC has an LRC for student and staff use. The LRC is resourceful as it contains numerous leading textbooks, journals, prospectuses of different universities and so on. Apart from studying in the LRC, you can also borrow books and other study materials.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR and ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The college provides various engagement opportunities to students such as debates, work experiences and shadowing, external and internal exam preparation workshops, student assemblies, knowledge quizzes, external field trips and university preparation workshops.

The college also runs Table Tennis and Chess clubs for its students. The college provides exceptional sports facilities and gym at discounted rates to post-16 students. These facilities are arranged in nearby sports and leisure centers every week. Our below 16 students have regular weekly PE and sports lessons which are conducted in nearby sports and leisure centers.

The college has a Student Debate Club which is run by our Year Head. Students take part in debates on a wide range of topical issues, and best debaters and teams are awarded certificates, gift vouchers and trophies.

RESULTS & UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION

HIC is a specialist college in STEM subjects for GCSE and GCE. Over the past **10** years it has a remarkable record of helping students in university progression.

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

In **2018-19**, 100% of HIC students progressed to university education. Students chose courses in finance, law and the sciences. The most popular destinations for our students include top British universities and other Russell group universities across the country.

HIC aims to give every student the opportunities and support they need, so that they achieve best possible academic careers. In **2018-19**, our college leavers were successful in attaining places on the following courses:



SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS & DISABILITY (SEND) STUDENTS

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We aim to provide education for all who can benefit from it, including those with Special Educational Needs and Learning Difficulties. The College believes that all people are of equal value and seeks to promote positive attitudes towards diversity and to eliminate discrimination. HIC aims to provide additional support to those students who themselves disclose or are identified by their teachers as having specific learning needs or experiencing learning difficulties. The college has highly qualified and experienced SEN specialist teachers, who regularly update their knowledge through continuing professional development (CPDs). The parents may be able to apply for funding through the Local Authority.

Mrs Angela Hart on behalf of Jacob Sawyer

I chose HIC for my son, who has Special Needs, because the college is able to provide very small classes and in his case excellent one to one high quality teaching and personal attention. I also appreciated how welcoming the principal Kandiah Kandeepan was at our initial meeting, despite my son's very unique requirements following a recent brain injury. We were looking for a very supportive, flexible and nurturing environment and we have certainly found that here at HIC.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

HIC 's UK campus is accredited by the Accreditation Service for International Colleges (ASIC) which is an independent body providing accreditation services for independent, further and higher education colleges. ASIC accreditation helps students and parents make a more informed choice and will also help a school, college, university, training provider or distance education provider, demonstrate to the international student body that they are a high quality institution.

The UK is renowned for its high quality world class education. The UK is one of the world's most popular destinations to study higher education, with more than 500,000 international students enrolling each year. It is one of the world's leading destinations for international students, second only to the USA. UK universities are among the best in the world, and consistently perform well in world rankings. They also have a reputation for world-class research. (Source: - www.UCAS.com).

HIC welcomes students from all over the world: whoever is keen to experience the high standards of the UK education system and progress to UK universities.

HIC is approved by the UK government to teach International students up to six months.

If you are interested please email us at: admin@harrowindepndentcollege.co.uk

TESTIMONIALS

Luchna Sivakumaran – De Montfort University

I used to come to HIC for tuition and found the teaching really good. My best subject at HIC is Economics. I was given individual care and attention by my teachers always. By doing past papers on a constant basis and being assessed every week my teachers supported me well in enhancing my confidence and subject knowledge. The student-teacher relationship at HIC is very good. If someone asks me about HIC, I will definitely recommend it because of its quality teaching.

K Kuruparan, Kings College London

I really liked the atmosphere that this college gave me. Everything was easy going and relaxed yet I was able to be extremely productive; it is the perfect studying environment for a student who is determined for success. The teachers are extremely friendly and classroom learning has never been boring or passive, which is brilliant.

My experience here was amazing and I honestly enjoyed it so much. It has certainly helped me a lot with regards to achieving the grades I've wanted, which has essentially allowed me to get into such an excellent university to do the degree I have always wanted to do. It was also amazing to meet new friends; I am still in contact with those who I met at this college. The college is brilliant in terms of providing the support a student essentially needs; the tutors are friendly whilst making sure they teach you at their best of their abilities.

GCE A Level Name of the student: Taha Sikafi, Upton Court Grammar School

Comments: It is a very comfortable yet hard-working experience. I find Mathematics coaching to be the best followed closely by Biology. I had a lot of one-on-one attention due to the small class size. Student -teacher relationship is amazing. I have recommended this college to a lot of people in my school and my family. Rating : Excellent

GCE A Level

Name of the student: Seeitha Sivarajah, Haberdashers Aske's Girls High School

I have had an amazing experience as the teachers make learning more enjoyable and concepts easier to understand. They are always willing to spend extra time with me and answer my questions thoroughly. They also understand that exams are very time pressured so they teach us the fastest methods to use which I find very helpful. They have provided a lot of individual care and I have seen major improvements in all aspects of my education. They have taken the time to fill the gaps in my knowledge. Rating : Excellent

GCE A Level

Name of the student: Anuradha Gunaratne, Upton Court Grammar School

Mathematics is very well explained. Economics is very helpful. I would recommend this college. It is very studious allowing students to be ahead of the syllabus compared to other schools. It helps clearly summarise and explain topics to achieve high grades. Rating : Excellent

GCE A Level

Name of the student: Saravania Selvaratnam, Harrow Independent College, Ex-school -Bentley Wood - Stanmore

I chose Harrow Independent College because of the way the classes are conducted in groups. The teaching style is more direct to the students. I like the way there are tutorial sessions so we can ask for help of our choice and get a whole lesson to work on it. My overall experience is good, I have always felt that the school is flexible with me and always tried to find good ways to make me feel comfortable and stress free. They are always there when I need them; I have always been asked if I am okay in my subjects. Rating : Excellent

GCE A Level

Name of the student: Pritikga Uthayanan, Harrow Independent College, Ex-school -Ealing Independent College

I chose HIC because the teachers seemed motivational and very helpful. They are determined that the students will do well. A lot of attention and support is given by all subject teachers. Teachers are always there to motivate you to progress in your subjects. Rating : Very Good

GCE A Level

Name of the student: Yenuson Venderkoon, The John Lyon School

Maths and Physics are taught by the teacher Mr Kandiah Kandeepan and provides the best education in both. They provide you with a lot of attention and the working class is enjoyable as well as educational. I get useful help with questions and advice with decision making. For example: asking if it is a good option to take Mathematics A Level a year early. There is a good working atmosphere; a place where your doubts are cleared.

Rating : Excellent

GCE A Level Name of the student: Eric Kamalendran, St Dominics Sixth Form College

Since I started coming to HIC, it has been an overwhelming experience as everyone around me is very friendly be the teachers and my classmates. The teaching here is formidable and I do enjoy looking forward to class every Saturday morning. I did not do well in my mock exam back in December 2017 however, Kandeepan sir made sure I was motivated and made me work hard for my end of year exams in May 2018 by creating challenges in class and improving my exam technique. The teaching here is amazing; definitely getting your money's worth. The staff is very friendly and welcoming and is a way to meet new people and make new friends. Rating : Excellent

Year 9

Name of the student: Saumiyaa Mylvaganam, Dr Challoners High School

My overall experience at Harrow Independent College was really good because the teachers give me areas of improvements so I get higher grades. They provide really good individual attention and care so you can achieve higher scores. The student-teacher relationship is really benefitting because they go through the questions with you carefully. I would recommend this college to my friends. The strengths of the college is they teach you topics before those topics are been taught in school and hence you can answer questions well in your school.

Rating : Excellent

GCSE

Name of the student: Ilyas Hasan, Regent College

I feel that I have improved in my understanding of English texts. The college understands your weakest topics and helps you strengthen them. Student- teacher relationship is great as the teacher interacts with the students really well. I would recommend this college as the teachers help you with your understanding of the subject.

Rating : Very Good

Year 9

Name of the student: Haad Khurram Saeed, Hammersmith Academy

In English I have learnt techniques and different ways of learning topics I have never learnt at school. In Science we are doing all the topics we need help in or are going to do which is very helpful. We can ask questions whenever we don't understand or need help which is very useful. I would recommend this college. I have learnt to take tasks in English and I have become better in Science.

Rating : Excellent

GCE A Level Name of the student: Rishiharan Raghulan, Watford Grammar School for Boys

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GCSE English Language and Functional Skills Maths Name of the student: Mrs Angela Hart on behalf of Jacob Sawyerr

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The college has given my son a high level of individual care and attention and has provided one to one lessons for him to ensure he has the personal style of teaching he needs in order to make the best of his abilities. They have also gone above and beyond to give him the same opportunities as their mainstream students. They have also worked hard to make sure his lessons are adapted to his special needs and have even worked closely with the exam boards to ensure special access arrangements are put in place for him which we are very appreciative of.

I would most definitely recommend the college to others. I think the main strengths are the small class sizes, the high level of personal care and attention given to the students and the high standard of teaching. Rating : Very Good

HOW TO APPLY

The application process has two parts:

APPLICATION FORM: Students are required to fill out our application form available on our website and submit this to the college along with the required documents, such as proof of previous results and identification.

INTERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT: All prospective students are expected to be interviewed by the Principal. These interviews can take place at the college or via Skype for international students based abroad. The interview is both a chance for us to understand more about your aspirations, and an opportunity for you to ask any questions about the College you may have. Following the completion of the application process, we will send you an offer letter either by post or email. Upon acceptance of the place, you will be required to pay an initial registration fee.





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