

Harrow School





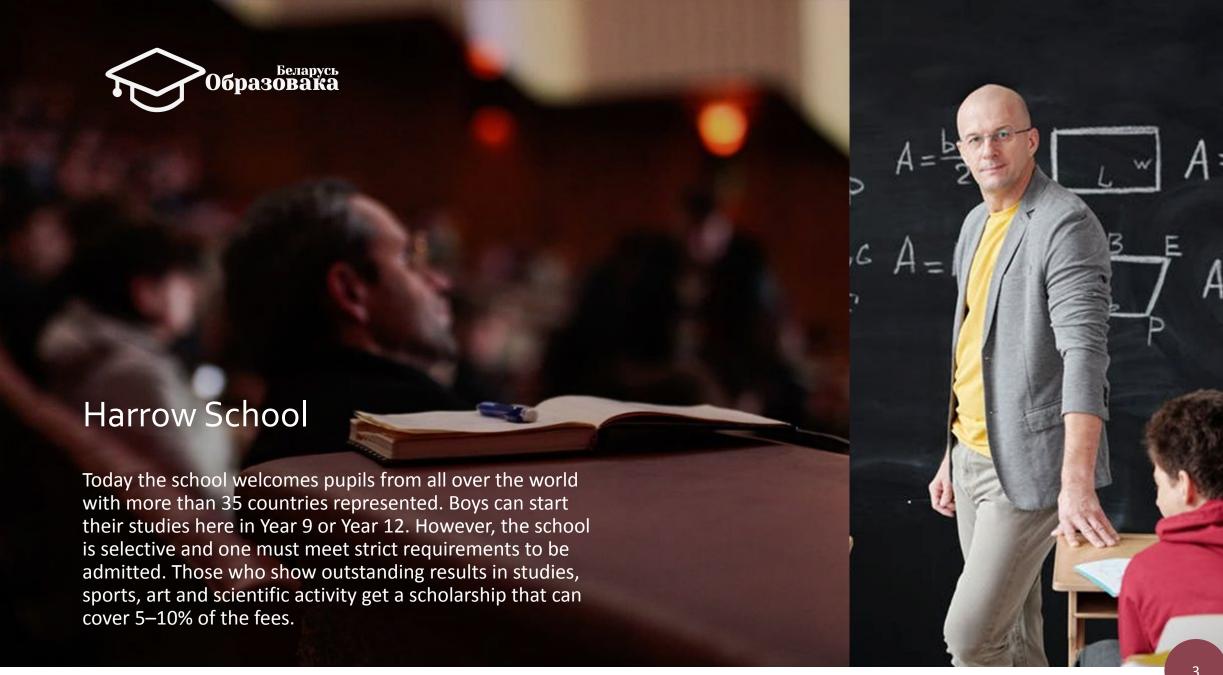
What do Lord Byron, Winston Churchill, Benedict Cumberbatch and Jawaharlal Nehru have in common? They are all Old Harrovians. During its history, Harrow School has educated members of royal families, prime ministers, politicians, Nobel Prize winners, and other famous figures in the arts and sciences.



The public school is located in north-west London. Founded in 1572, it remains one of only four all-boys boarding schools in Britain. Harrow School started with just one room — the Fourth Form Room, whose walls now are covered with graffiti of its pupils' names. Thanks to the Harry Potter films it looks familiar to lots of people.









Harrow has about 800 students aged 13 to 18 who live across twelve boarding houses. By tradition, pupils must wear one of two uniforms, which haven't changed much since the 19th century, one for everyday use and one for Sunday dress. The day uniform consists of a white shirt, black tie, greyers (trousers), black shoes, a bluer (a jacket) and a classic Harrow hat.

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Harrow is a very academic school: in 2019 62% got the top grade at A-levels and 83% at GCSEs. On average 15% of boys go to Oxford or Cambridge afterwards. These results put the school among the best in the country. The normal school curriculum is only part of the story, however. They offer elective courses and invite regular outside speakers to inspire, educate and encourage engagement with the world at large. The school has an amazing range of languages on offer: Latin, Greek, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Turkish, Polish, Japanese, Arabic, and 2 Chinese. Groups for studying include up to 12 people and 8 in the Sixth Form.

Pupils have the greatest opportunities to develop their creative abilities in their free time as there are 56 clubs and interest groups to choose from. The school has its own newspaper The Harrovian that is published by the students themselves every week. Music is strong and singing is a special highlight. The school also has a reputation for being very sporty. On the campus, there is a spacious indoor pool, squash and tennis courts, a golf course, fields and grounds for team games. Around 1830 squash was invented there and football rules were developed. An annual cricket match has taken place between Harrow and Eton Colleges since 1805.

