



31st March 2023

Dear Families,

Introduction from the Principal

I am delighted to be writing to you as the Principal Designate of Harris Science Academy East London (HSAEL). I am looking forward to meeting you and your children in the summer term and joining the HSAEL family. I wanted to write to you to introduce myself, give you some information about my background and share some of my vision for the school.

I am joining HSAEL from Ark Greenwich Free School, an outstanding comprehensive school in south London, which has undergone a complete transformation in recent years. Last year's GCSE results placed the school in the top 25 schools in the country for academic progress with 90% of all children being entered for the prestigious, academically rigorous Ebacc set of qualifications. Coupled with the support and experience of the Harris Federation, I can assure you that the school is on an exciting journey.

Having visited the school several times now, it is clear to me that HSAEL is no ordinary school. The eclectic setting between the historic locks and the renowned 3 Mills Studios provides a unique setting for learning. The children here are wonderful. There is a drive, purpose and sense of scholarship about them that you won't find in other schools. My mission is for all our children to leave as leaders in whatever they choose to do, with many choosing to lead in science. I hope we will achieve this by providing unified leadership behind our vision, creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is the norm, offering an unashamedly academic education for all and facilitating regular opportunities for character development. I am utterly committed to ensuring your child receives a fantastic education.

I am keen to meet as many parents as possible in person, and I will be hosting a welcome event on **Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 5.30pm** at the Clock Mill Site, where you will have the opportunity to hear about the vision of the school, the plans for transition and have an opportunity to ask questions. Please click **here** <https://forms.office.com/e/xH8mMGUpR> to confirm your attendance.

Yours Faithfully,

D MacPherson

Principal