

Will you be my HIRO?

...because you can take my breath and hunger away

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"I wish there was more," said Paul Inglis ('08), after he had just stuffed himself with chicken satay. That's how we all reacted to dinner at Hiro restaurant; the food was so good that we ate everything on offer.

Conveniently located close to school at 100 Boundary Road, right off Abbey Road and near Ambra, Hiro is a recently opened family-run restaurant.

When our group first walked into the restaurant, the relatively small room had a dark feel. The lighting was dimmed, but the walls were painted bright red, creating a warm ambience. A smiling hostess welcomed us, and, as we sat down, the waiters served us complimentary prawn crackers.

There is a broad selection of dishes at the restaurant. In fact,

there was so much on offer that we had difficulty deciding what to choose, as very little on the menu looked disappointing.

The dishes on the menu were authentic Chinese food, or in a few cases, from neighbouring countries, such as Mongolia. The table shared three quarters of an aromatic crispy duck, which was tender and splendidly cooked.

As for appetizers, the tempura was quite popular. Although it's a widely served dish, Hiro restaurant made it their own, with zesty vegetables. The soft-shelled crab with chilli was quite well prepared, despite being a small portion. Other particularly enjoyable appetizers included the Asian spiced chicken wings and spring rolls.

The Mongolian lamb was lightly spiced and had a fine crispy coating, making it truly tasty and exotic.

Although the chow mein was

nothing special, the beef with Cantonese sauce was extraordinary. In fact, another person from our group who ordered the beef described it as one of the most succulent dishes he had ever had.

The main courses came in better portions than the appetizers. However, we enjoyed the appetizers more.

What is most unique about Hiro is the amazing value. Our total bill for eight people topped out at about £145, averaging about £18 per person. This included an appetizer, a main course, and side orders, such as rice, as well as drinks.

When we finished our meal, every single one of us still wanted to keep eating. You want to know why? Because the restaurant was amazing. It has great prices, perfect atmosphere, and scrumptious food, providing a winning combination.



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Local eatery serves up delightful dishes at edible prices.