

## Harris Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to learn that your child will be attending Harris Academy from August 2017. In preparation we will be hosting a three day induction programme this session which will take place on **Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June 2017.**

Dundee Academy of Sport and our Senior Prefects will lead a team building day at Dundee and Angus College, Gardyne Campus, on day one, Tuesday 13th June. Days two and three will allow pupils to meet their Guidance Teacher and follow their S1 timetable to gain an introduction to our school in advance of joining us in August. I look forward to welcoming you and your child into the Harris Academy family and wish to pass on some information which will be of use to you relating to the induction days.

Your son/daughter should report to Harris Academy for an **8.45am start each day.** Members of staff and Senior Prefects will be out on Perth Road from 8.25am to welcome our new S1 pupils to our school. Your child should wear sports clothing on Tuesday 13th June and her/his normal primary school uniform on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June. As all DCC secondary schools operate an asymmetric timetable (7 periods Monday - Wednesday, 6 periods Thursday and Friday) your son/daughter will finish school at **3.40pm** on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th and **2.50pm** on Thursday 15th June. A crossing patrol will be available outside Perth Road each day. Please note that there are **no drop-off/pick up facilities available on Perth Road.** The nearest points would be West Park Road or Grosvenor Road. Our school buses (23S, 27S, 28S and 29S) will operate as normal on the induction days and your son/daughter can utilise these should he/she choose to do so. Updated information regarding the bus routes/times will be available from Travel Dundee prior to the induction days and will be distributed via primary schools.

All young people will require a packed lunch on Tuesday 13th June as no catering facilities will be available at Gardyne Road Campus. On Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th lunch will be available via the canteen each day. All pupils entitled to free school meals will order a packed lunch for Tuesday 13th June at their respective primary school in advance and this information will be forwarded to Harris Academy's catering staff. Lunch will be available for purchase, as it is at primary schools, on the Wednesday and Thursday. It is perfectly acceptable for pupils to bring a packed lunch with them each day should they prefer to do so. On the two induction days in school **all pupils must remain in the school building at lunch-time.** A number of extra-curricular physical activity sessions will take place during the lunch break on Wednesday 14th June and young people should bring appropriate PE kit should they wish to participate. Please contact me directly at the school (01382 435700) if you wish to make special arrangements for your child to leave the premises.

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During induction days two and three your child will be involved in a variety of activities including a full tour of the new building, time with his/her Guidance Teacher and new classmates and participating in a variety of timetabled lessons. I would ask you to ensure that your child reports in sports clothing (including trainers/gym shoes) on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June with a showerproof coat, a hat and sunscreen to ensure all weather eventualities are accounted for. PE kit will not be required for timetabled lessons on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> as S1 have not been timetabled for PE lessons on those days of the week.

Your child will be issued with a National Entitlement Card during the induction days in preparation for obtaining a school lunch on days two and three and in August. As you may be aware we operate a cashless system at the tills in the school canteen/snack bar. Your son/daughter will be shown how to use the NEC machines by their Guidance Teacher in advance of the lunch break on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Parent/Carer Information Evening**

You are invited to attend a Parent/Carer Information evening at the school from **6.30pm - 8.30pm** on the evening of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The Information Evening will include a presentation outlining the S1 curriculum your son/daughter will follow at Harris Academy. Members of the Guidance Team and SLT will be on hand throughout the evening to answer any questions you may have regarding your son/daughter's transition to Harris Academy. **As a result of our large P7 intake this session we are restricting numbers to a total of 3 per family including your son/daughter.**

We want to have a permanent record of the induction days, and, as a result, there will be photographs/video taken. As you may already be aware Harris Academy has a very active Twitter feed, **@harrisacdundee**, and we fully intend to celebrate the positive experiences enjoyed by our young people by posting photographs/short film clips on our Twitter feed on a daily basis. If you do not wish your child to be filmed or photographed I would appreciate it greatly if you would please let your child's primary school know in writing by **Monday 5th June 2016.**

If you or your child have any further questions regarding the induction days, or any other aspects of the transfer to Harris Academy, please feel free to contact me at the school. (01382 435700)

Yours sincerely



Michael D Stewart

Depute Head Teacher