



Dear Parent / Carer,

With the end of term now firmly in sight, I wanted to take the opportunity to wish our school community an enjoyable Spring holiday.

On our return, we will be focussing on senior phase SQA examinations, preparing for our S1 – S3 Wider Achievement trips and planning our change of timetable for the start of June.

In the meantime, relax and enjoy!



School Captains 2023 - 2024

After a rigorous and highly competitive process, I have the pleasure of confirming our School Captains for next session are:

Scarlett Brady and Robyn Rennie

Thanks go to our current Captains, Leona and Cameron, Mrs Reid (PT Home Economics) and Murray McLeod (Parent Council Chair) for supporting me on the appointments panel.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 3 ENDS

Friday 31st March

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 3rd April – Sunday 16th April

HEAD TEACHER'S SURGERY

Monday 24th April

SQA EXAMS BEGIN

Monday 24th April

S1 HPV VACCINATIONS

Tuesday 25th April

MAY DAY HOLIDAY

Monday 1st May

SQA STUDY LEAVE BEGINS

Tuesday 2nd May





Easter School, Saturday School and Masterclasses

Tim?

Door entry for Term 4

Our young people will continue to enter the school through their current doors for our final term of the year. As a reminder, they are:

Birnam and Kinloch – Maths entrance
Cawdor and Forres – Clock tower plaza

On our return, we will have a focus on basic expectations on entry to our school, including:

- ✓ No air buds in ears
- ✓ Hoods down
- ✓ School uniform, including tie proudly on display
- ✓ Timely entry





Sportathon

Last Friday, 30 of our S6 pupils participated in a 10-hour (9pm-7am) Sportathon for two charities. They took part in a variety of sports such as football, volleyball, dodgeball and even ceilidh dancing! Throughout the night, pupils maintained incredible motivation, enthusiasm and positivity. They managed to raise an amazing **£1750** for Romilly Beveridge's Project Trust trip to Ghana and The Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. Huge well done to everyone involved!

Sincere thanks to all of the staff members who gave of their time and also to our sponsors, Clark's the Bakery, Tesco Riverside and Darren Reid Landscaping for donating / providing well-deserved food!





NHS – Support for exam stress

NHS have put together a mini-series of videos on managing exam stress. The series covers what happens in our brain and our body when we feel stressed and top tips for managing stress to help us cope with it and not become overwhelmed.

Part 1 - <https://youtu.be/467K2e3Zo18>

Part 2 - https://youtu.be/Yld_CBKYJ9Q

Part 3 - https://youtu.be/PYB_wFxeYms

SQA - Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service

SQA have provided the following information about the Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS) for this year.

EECCS will be available to learners

- who are unable to attend the exam, or
- whose performance in the exam may have been affected by a personal circumstance or an unplanned incident on the day which is beyond their control.

All learners are eligible for the Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service where:

- they have experienced a valid exceptional circumstance
- they have completed all the compulsory non-question paper components
- an estimate has been submitted for them
- alternative evidence for the impacted exam components is available.

We would always encourage learners to sit the exam where at all possible. This does not preclude them from having an EECCS request submitted on their behalf. The final decision to submit an EECCS request on behalf of a learner sits with the head of centre. We will only accept requests that have been approved by the head of centre.

Access to the service is free and it is available for all exams in the 2023 exam timetable. The service will open on Monday 24 April, the first day of the exam diet.

We are currently working on guidance for EECCS and will publish this during week commencing Monday 17 April.





Schools, Nurseries and Offices Closed – His Majesty the King’s Coronation – Paul Fleming, Head of Service

I am writing to inform you that all Dundee City Council schools and nurseries will be closed on Monday 8 May 2023 to mark the day of His Majesty King Charles III’s Coronation.

Council offices will also be closed and only emergency and critical cover will be provided.

Yours sincerely

PAUL FLEMING
Head of Service - Education, Learning and Inclusion (Chief Education Officer)

End of Term Treat

On the last Thursday of term 17 of our S1 pupils were invited by Dundee Bairns to visit Casa, Nethergate. The staff in Casa provided our young people with an amazing breakfast. Pancake stacks, fresh fruit, chocolate as well as bacon and maple syrup were all on the menu. Mrs Reid and Mrs Dorward accompanied the lucky pupils and everyone had a fun filled morning. We are exceptionally grateful to both Casa and Dundee Bairns for their kindness and generosity.





Dundee Schools' Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the young people involved. Our notable results were:

S1 Girls

1st Libby Duncan

Harris S1 Girls Team Silver

S3 Girls- Harris Team Bronze

S4/5/6 Girls – Harris Team Silver

S1 Boys – 2nd Charlie Kelly

S3 Boys – 1st Murdo Hastie

Easter School (Senior Phase exams)

A reminder that Easter school will run from Monday the 10th until Friday the 14th of April. Many thanks to all families who have signed up or encouraged their young people to sign up. If your young person has not managed to submit a form before the deadline or has not spoken to myself there are still spaces available from many of the sessions. These spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis on the day of the sessions. If your young needs a reminder of the sessions they have selected, there is a list outside the library and the information is also stored on our *Harris Study Portal* - [Harris Study Portal \(google.com\)](https://harrisstudyportal.google.com). Looking forward to seeing them there.

Can I also draw your attention to the fantastic study support offer from e-sgoil. They are offering a wide range of support for many senior phase subjects via live webinars. Pupils can access the registration form using their glow account. More information can be found here - <https://e-sgoil.com/easter-study-support-2023/>

Many thanks,
Mr Beattie

