

# Harris Academy

Parent / Carer Newsletter | Session 2021 - 2022

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*Dear Parent / Carer,*

*With the Spring holidays upon us, I wish all our families an enjoyable break.*

Our senior pupils are gearing up to the first set of SQA exams held in three years and my advice to them would be to balance their time between studying, with quality time with family and friends. Returning to school fresh, energised, happy and prepared will serve them well in the lead up to the exams.

Our Easter school (information below) runs through both of the holiday weeks, and, with the help of additional Scottish Government funding, we hope to offer Masterclass sessions on the evening before each exam, along with a Saturday morning revision school which will run from the first Saturday back until the end of the exam diet. More information on our Masterclasses and Saturday school will be communicated to you during the first week back.

For our S1 – S3 pupils, we have 6 weeks left of our current timetable before the young people move up a year group. This week, we have appointed S3 prefects who will take on the role of supporting staff in ensuring a calm, positive and respectful environment during the course of the SQA exam diet. Congratulations to all 27 of our young people who were successful in their appointment. A small number of young people are still to be interviewed. This will take place after the break.

As noted in last week's newsletter, we return to school with the majority of our safety measures in place and I would appreciate your ongoing support in both supplying face coverings and encouraging the appropriate use of them (where and when appropriate). If you have any questions in relation to the changes to the Asymptomatic Testing Programme, please feel free to contact the school via the main office. The most important point to note is that any young person or staff member showing any symptoms of COVID should isolate and arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

Finally, allow me the opportunity to thank all members of our school community for continuing to support one and other.

With best wishes for a long, warm and happy holiday,

**Barry Millar, Head Teacher**



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## Easter School – All S4 to S6 Pupils

Any classes that have been pre-selected by S4 to S6 pupils for the Easter school will run as planned. A list of those classes, with the pupil names, is available outside the library should anyone wish to confirm the dates and times they have selected.

Pupils should enter the school from the main front doors for their session, arriving no more than 10 minutes before the session is due to begin and register here with staff. The doors will close 15 minutes after the sessions begin.

Water and some snacks will be provided for those attending the sessions. **School uniform is not required for the Easter school sessions.**

If any S4 to S6 pupils would like to come to sessions and have not used the form to sign up they would be most welcome. This however will be on a first come first served basis until the sessions are at capacity and unfortunately if this is the case, those young people will not be able to attend that session.

## SQA Parent / Carer Letter

A detailed letter outlining our arrangements for the upcoming SQA Examinations at Harris Academy was e mailed to all S4, 5 & 6 pupils and parents / carers on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The letter is also available via our school website, twitter feed and hard copies are available from our school office to provide equity for all. See the link below:

[\*\*Harris Academy SQA Letter March 2022\*\*](#)

SQA Assemblies took place earlier this week for all S4, 5 & 6 pupils. The link to the presentation is on our website, Twitter feed and via the link below:

[\*\*Harris Academy SQA Assembly Presentation March 2022\*\*](#)

**A reminder that DCC Study Leave dates**, for those young people entitled to it, are as follows:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May (both dates inclusive).** Our 2022-23 timetable will start on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022. For dates out with these, up to and including 1<sup>st</sup> June, young people would be entitled to be off timetable the day before an examination and the day of the examination.

**SQA Examination Timetables** were issued to all S4, 5 & 6 pupils sitting examinations via e mail on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. If any young person identifies an error, s/he should speak with their Guidance Teacher or House Head in the first instance.



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#### Dundee Schools' Cross Country Success

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March over 50 S1-6 pupils represented Harris at the Dundee Schools Cross Country at Baxter Park. Our pupils demonstrated excellent sportsmanship towards their own team and the other schools and behaved impeccably – they were a credit to the school. Each young person gave full effort in the searing heat and thrived in the competitive environment and the hard work paid off.



Murdo Hastie – 3<sup>rd</sup> Individual S2 Boys



Zak Davis – 2<sup>nd</sup> Individual S3 Boys



S2 Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team



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Senior Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team



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## House Entrances for the Summer term

On our return from the Easter break, young people should enter school in the morning through the following doors:

**Birnam – Main entrance**

**Cawdor – Maths entrance**

**Forres – Art/ Music entrance**

**Kinloch – Plaza / Clock Tower**