

Harris Academy

Parent / Carer Newsletter | Session 2021 - 2022

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Dear Parent / Carer,

With our Summer break just hours away, I wanted to again thank all members of our school community for their support over this past, challenging year.

Below is our final newsletter, along with a link to our Prize Giving achievement video which I hope gives a flavour of just some of our pupil successes this past session.

I hope all 36 editions of our newsletter have been useful to you this session and I look forward to welcoming our young people back through our doors on Tuesday 16th August.

In advance of our return, I will write to all families during week beginning 8th August with any important updates.

With best wishes,

Barry Millar, Head Teacher

Senior Leadership Team remits

On our return in August, the House Heads will be:

Birnam House – Mrs MacDonald

Cawdor House – Ms McKinlay

Forres House – Mr Beattie

Kinloch House – Mr Stewart

Other notable changes include:

Mr Perry	Timetabler, Curriculum and Attainment
Mr Stewart	Pupil Support Coordinator
Ms McKinlay	SQA Coordinator
Mr Beattie	Reporting, Learning and Teaching
Mrs MacDonald	P7 Transition, Developing the Young Workforce

A full description of the school's leadership team remits will be published on our website in August.

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Prizegiving

Last Thursday, we enjoyed a very successful celebration of some of our young peoples' achievements. Each prize winner had their photograph taken and, in August, they will be available to view via our website.

To whet your appetite, here are some photos from the evening.



Please click on link below to watch our achievements video, which formed a part of my HT address on the night. Please note that this link is only live until 14th July.

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxuhyun>



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Summer Concert

On Wednesday evening, those lucky enough to attend our summer concert were treated to a fantastic evening of music and musical theatre.

A huge congratulations to all performers, Music Ambassadors, Music, and Drama staff, including our Music Instructors and all other staff members who helped make the night so special.

A selection of photographs from the event are shown below:



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School Uniform

In preparation for the new session, I am seeking your support with our attempts to improve school uniform.

We will increase our focus on ensuring young people arrive to school in full uniform which includes, white shirt, black trousers / skirt, school tie, black sweater, and plain black shoes / trainers. Our school blazer (two options) is not compulsory but certainly desirable.

As a reminder, our new school uniform supplier is BE Schoolwear, situated at the top of Reform Street in the city centre.

[BE Uniforms Dundee \(border-embroideries.co.uk\)](http://border-embroideries.co.uk)



Families are welcome to proactively contact the school, in confidence, if they require any assistance with the purchasing of uniform. This contact can be made via your young person's Guidance teacher.

Pre-loved Uniform

We would be grateful for donations of school uniform items that are in good condition... blazers, PE kit, and coats.

Given the increase in the cost of living, there are many families that this may benefit, and we would love to have a supply of school uniform on offer for people to take.

If you could please wash the items, bag them up and hand them into the school office, this would be greatly appreciated.

There will be a drop box for any school wear requests at the office reception desk, and there will be clothes available in the reception area of the school, week commencing 8th August.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Carroll, be emailing jcarroll107@dundeeschools.scot or via your young person's Guidance Teacher.

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House Door entries

For Term 1 of next session, the following entrances should be used:

Birnam House – Clock Tower (Plaza) Entrance

Cawdor House – Art Entrance

Forres House – Maths Entrance

Kinloch House – Main Entrance

Post Results (SQA) Positive Course Choice Changes

On Thursday 11th August 2022 the Principal Teachers of Guidance will be available to meet with young people who wish to make a change as a direct result of their SQA results.

If you would like the school to consider this change, please e-mail your appropriate House e-mail address with the details around the changes you would like us to consider.

If you then attend school during the times noted below you will be seen on a first come first serve basis.

harrisforresguidance@dundeeschools.scot

harriscawdorguidance@dundeeschools.scot

harriskinlochguidance@dundeeschools.scot

harrisbirnamguidance@dundeeschools.scot

staff will be available between 09.30 and 12:00 on this date.

Any other course choice changes that might be considered by the school will be dealt with between Wednesday 17th August 2022 and Friday 19th August 2022 by the House Teams and this information will be communicated when we return in the new term.

Dates for your diary

Return to school dates

Monday 15th August

school session starts for all staff

Tuesday 16th August

school session begins for all young people

