Harris Academy | Parent / Carer Newsletter

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Dear Parent / Carer,

A warm welcome to all our parents and carers, especially our new S1 families, to your first newsletter of the session.

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable summer and that your young person is ready to go for a busy year ahead!

Throughout the session, the Senior Leadership Team will continue to communicate with you via these newsletters, Twitter and direct emails as often as required.

Any individual pupil issues will be communicated to you directly via the House Team responsible for supporting your young person.

House Door entries

For this first term of our new 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

The arrangements outlined above differ for day one only. They are:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING & AGM

Tuesday 30th August

SENIOR PHASE INFORMATION EVENING

Thurs 8th September

S4 – S6 TRACKING REPORT 1

w/b 19th September

S3 PARENT / CARER CONTACT EVENING

Wednesday 28th September

S2 PARENT / CARER CONTACT EVENING Tuesday 4th October

On Tuesday, to support our new S1 young people as they arrive at school for the first day, all S1 pupils will enter through the main entrance on Perth Road and Kinloch (S2 – S6 pupils) will join Birnam in entering through the Plaza doors.

Prefect volunteers supporting our new S1s

We would like to invite our S6 Prefect volunteers into school for a short briefing meeting on Monday afternoon.

If you can make it, please meet Mrs Taylor, Mrs Nicolson and Mrs MacDonald in the dining centre at 3:30pm



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SQA Appeals 2022

Appeals 2022 is now open and provides learners with the opportunity to appeal, except for those who received their result through the Exam Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS).

As a helpful reminder, an appeal can only be lodged where the estimate award is higher than the SQA Awarded grade.

A helpful document with all the information from SQA about the appeals process can be found on this link. <u>https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA-Appeals-2022-guidance-for-learners.pdf</u>

If you feel that you would like to submit an appeal for any subject, **please contact your child's guidance teacher** in the first instance to discuss as soon as possible.

Priority appeals (to be used if your college/ university place or a training/employment offer depends on your child's grade) must be submitted by the school **before Friday 19th August**.

For all other appeals, the deadline is Tuesday 30th August.

Senior Leadership Team Remits

As indicated at the end of last term, our House Heads for the academic session 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 by the end of the first week back.



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School Day Timings

Following much consultation and after the consideration of our trial week last term, the shape of the school day moving forward is outlined in the graphic below.

Period times - S1 to S3	Period times - S4 to S6	Period times - S1 to S3	Period times - S4 to S6
<i>Mon to Wed</i>	<i>Mon to Wed</i>	<i>Thurs & Fri</i>	<i>Thurs and Fri</i>
P1 - 8:45 to 9:35 P2 - 9:35 to 10:25 Junior interval - 10:25 to 10:40 P3 - 10:40 to 11:30 P4 - 11:30 to 12:20 Junior Lunch - 12:20 to 13:10 P5 - 13:10 to 14:00 P6 - 14:00 to 14:50 P7 - 14:50 to 15:40	P1 - 8:45 to 9:35 P2 - 9:35 to 10:25 P3 10:25 to 11:15 Senior Interval - 11:15 to 11:30 P4 - 11:30 to 12:20 P5 12:20 to 13:10 Senior Lunch - 13:10 to 14:00 P6 - 14:00 to 14:50 P7 - 14:50 to 15:40	 P1 - 8:45 to 9:35 P2 - 9:35 to 10:25 Junior interval - 10:25 to 10:40 P3 - 10:40 to 11:30 P4 - 11:30 to 12:20 Junior Lunch - 12:20 to 13:10 P5 - 13:10 to 14:00 P6 - 14:00 to 14:50 	P1 - 8:45 to 9:35 P2 - 9:35 to 10:25 P3 10:25 to 11:15 Senior Interval - 11:15 to 11:30 P4 - 11:30 to 12:20 P5 12:20 to 13:10 Senior Lunch - 13:10 to 14:00 P6 - 14:00 to 14:50

A major change includes a return to 15-minute morning intervals. A consequence of extending the morning interval means the school day will end at 15:40 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and will end at 14:50 on Thursday and Friday.



