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Parent / Carer Newsletter Session 2021 – 2022 Issue 2

At the end of our first week back, I would like to commend all our young people for a very positive start. A special congratulations to our S1 pupils who have certainly made a fantastic first impression in terms of uniform, respect for others and problem solving. Given the lack of face-to-face transition activities last session due to COVID, our S1 pupils have displayed resilience beyond their years. A huge thank you also goes to our prefects for doing a fantastic job in supporting and caring for our newcomers.

Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM takes place on Tuesday 31st August at 6pm. This meeting will take place in a virtual setting with details shared with all parents / carers during the course of next week.

I hope that you can make it along.

HT Surgery

On Monday 30th August, I plan to resume my Head Teacher Surgery. This is an opportunity for you to come into school to discuss any issues you may have or seek my advice or support with any matter.

These surgeries will run on the last Monday of every month from 4 – 7pm.

If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the school office.

College

We are delighted that our pupils are attending the college in person. The feedback from our college assemblies was very positive. Please remind your young person that the bus to college leaves Harris at 1:35pm Mon to Wed and 12:35pm on Thurs. All pupils make their own way home, transport is not provided. Lunch can be pre-ordered at break time and collected before the bus leaves. Pupils who attend college on Mon and Wed will have a home study during period 6 on Friday. If a young person would prefer to study from Harris pupils are to talk to Mr Clements or Mrs MacDonald who will provide a study area.

Please note the information that updates for college are sent via text message. If you did not receive a text message this week, please let the school office know.

Elective courses

All S5&6 pupils who follow a N4, 5, or senior college course will have the opportunity to select and elective. The course choice materials will be issued next week. A copy of this information will be uploaded onto the school website.

Face Coverings

Although most of our young people remember to bring a face covering with them, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of face masks we have issued. In the first three school days, over 1,000 masks have been issued to young people.

Please encourage your young person to bring their own, reusable mask wherever possible.

Paying for items in our Dining Centre

As we are currently unable to accept cash at the school all payment transactions must be processed via ParentPay. If you require a ParentPay account or have any queries, please contact the school on Tel: 01382 435700 or email harrisacademy@dundeeschools.scot

Further information on ParentPay can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.parentpay.com/>

Young people who are entitled to free meals will have the appropriate credit added to their accounts automatically.

Annual data collection forms

During the course of next week, the Annual Data Collection forms will be emailed to all parents. We would ask you to inform us with any updated information as soon as possible to ensure our records are accurate and to also allow you receive as detailed information from the school.

Groupcall Xpressions App

The Groupcall Xpressions App will allow you to receive cost free notifications and detailed information. The app can be download via IOS and Google Play or can accessed on a web browser at <https://xpressions.groupcall.com>. For further details please follow the link: <http://parents.groupcall.com>



Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Millar'.

Barry Millar
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