

**Term 4 newsletter / issue 4**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please find below some, hopefully helpful, information.

Phase 2 Assessments (SQA)

On Wednesday of next week, we will publish our Phase 2 Assessment Calendar for our S4 – S6 pupils.

Phase 2, where most departments will use the SQA secure assessments (high predictive value), will operate on a column basis, meaning that young people will only focus on one subject's assessments on any one day.

When the assessment is completed for the day, young people will return home the rest of the time to prepare for the next day's assessment.

At the end of the day on Tuesday 18th May, all course content will have been completed in all of our courses ensuring that young people need only focus on preparing for their assessments.

More details surrounding our Phase 2 approach will be communicated in next week's parent / carer letter

Change of Timetable

Our timetable changes on Monday 7th June. All year groups will move to the next year group and begin their new courses.

S6 Official Leaving Date

Our fabulous S6 will officially leave us on Friday 4th June however we may require some young people to continue to attend school to complete assessments up until the end of term.

Assessment Catch Up sessions

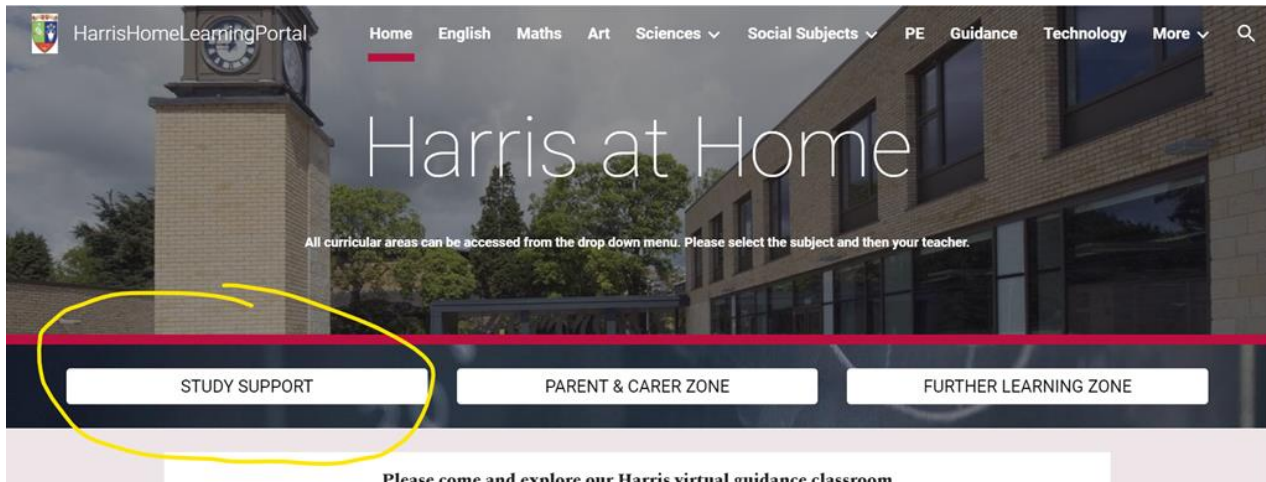
During Phase 1 of assessments, we have arranged four after school catch up sessions for young people who miss assessments due to absence. They are:

- Tuesday 11th May
- Wednesday 12th May

If a teacher suggests your young person utilises one or more of these sessions, they will be in contact in advance.

Study Support

The home page of our Harris at Home portal has recently had a button added which takes pupils to a designated space offering study support. This area includes a downloadable study planner to help plan their study outside school, some links to effective study techniques and resources from partner agencies such as SCHOLAR that will help with upcoming assessments. A reminder that the portal can be accessed directly from our school website.



Supporting our Community

Since our return to school after the Spring break a number of local residents and businesses / shops on the Perth Road have been in touch to say it is good to see the school back.

A few have pointed out that a minority of pupils are leaving litter on the street and not co-operating with mask wearing, especially in Sainsbury's.

We would welcome your support in reminding everyone of our collective responsibilities and also sharing the welcoming reception from our neighbours.

With best wishes,

Barry Millar
Head Teacher