



*Dear Parent / Carer,*

## Planned Industrial Strike Action

As noted in the letter that was sent to all families on Wednesday, all Dundee City Council secondary schools will be **closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** due to above trade union action.

A copy of the letter can be found [here](#)

Please note that there are still some formal assessments taking place in school during this day. These assessments will be invigilated by staff who are not affected by the strike action.

Senior Phase college courses at Dundee & Angus College will still run as usual and the bus that leaves from our school has been confirmed as being booked for that day.

## Formal Assessment Block and Study Leave (S4 – S6)

This week, our senior phase pupils are still involved in Formal Assessments. Although study leave finishes after Wednesday, there are still assessments, and catch-up sessions, planned for Thursday and Friday. As a reminder, a copy of our Formal Assessment timetable can be accessed [here](#)

## Harris Academy Study Portal

Our Harris 'Study Portal' is now live. The portal is targeted towards those completing senior phase exams and brings a selection of resources together to help our pupils on this journey. It has information regarding supported study times being offered from departments, external resources available to support learning at home, study resources on how best to study and information on our leading learner groups.

The portal can be accessed here [Harris Study Portal \(google.com\)](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### S4 – S6 FORMAL ASSESSMENTS

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> January – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> February

### HT SURGERY

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January

### S3 TRACKING REPORT ISSUED

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

*please note that this is an amended date*

### SCHOOL CLOSURE - PLANNED STRIKE DAY

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

### S3 PARENT / CARER EVENING

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

### MID-TERM HOLIDAY

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### STAFF INSET DAY (4)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February





## **Pupil Support update**

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We welcomed a new Well-Being Scotland Counsellor to our school recently. Delighted to have Eva Chmelikova as part of our team. Further good news is that Caroline Cassidy has been appointed by Well-Being Scotland which, when in post, will fully complete our counselling team. Caroline is projected to start after the mid-term February break.

## **Modern Studies Department – Supported Study opportunities**

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The department run several study support classes that are open for all pupils and across all levels. These study support classes give pupils the opportunity to seek help and advice from teachers on areas of the course they are struggling with. This could be anything from re-covering content that was covered in class, through to support on how to answer exam questions and different types of revision techniques. They are run on a few different days across the week and by 3 different members of staff to give as much opportunity as possible for pupils to attend. Study support is offered at the following times:

### **National 5**

Tuesday – Senior Lunch: 1:10 – 2:00 – Miss McEwan – room 4109

Thursday – Senior Lunch: 1:10 – 2:00 – Mr Douglas – room 4108

### **Higher Modern Studies**

Wednesday – Senior Lunch: 1:10 – 2:00 – Mr Douglas – room 4108

Wednesday – After School: 3:45 – 4:45 – Mr Douglas – room 4108

Thursday – Senior Lunch: 1:10 – 2:00 – Mr Consitt – room 4109

### **Higher Politics**

Wednesday – Senior Lunch: 1:10 – 2:00 – Mr Douglas – room 4108

Wednesday – After School: 3:45 – 4:45 – Mr Douglas – room 4108





## S1- S3 Wider Experiences

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We are aiming to offer a variety of wider experiences for young people next term and are looking for their thoughts on some of the ideas we have. All pupils in S1-S2 will be invited to complete a survey regarding this in business education or computing. All S3 pupils have been issued the survey through Satchel One. If you have a young person in S3, can you please encourage them to complete the survey, it will take them less than 2 minutes and we want to hear as many of their thoughts as possible. A link to the survey can be found below if there is any difficulty accessing Satchel One.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FAQSqYGFSY>

