



Dear Parent / Carer,

HT Surgery

As a reminder, my Head Teacher surgery runs on the last Monday of every month.

The purpose of this event, is to allow parents / carers to come and meet with me and discuss any concerns in an informal, solution-focussed setting.

No appointment is necessary and runs on a first come, first served basis.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 7th March at 7pm. The venue for this meeting has been moved to **Menizeshill Community Centre**. This decision was taken by the Parent Council to ensure families who live in the North / North-West of our catchment have the opportunity to engage.

We hope you can make it.

Planned strike days

As a reminder, the school will be closed to all pupils on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March due to industrial action.

College courses continue to run on these days and the contracted buses will still leave from Harris Academy at 1.30pm to transport our learners to college.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HT SURGERY

Monday 27th February

SCHOOL CLOSURE – STRIKE DAYS

Tuesday 28th February & Wednesday 1st March

COURSE CHOICE TIMELINES

S2 Course Choice Final Submission Friday
10 February 2023 *now closed*

S3 Course Choice Final Submission Friday
24 February 2023 *now closed*

Senior Phase Course Choice Final
Submission Friday 17 March 2023

PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 7th March
Menizeshill Community Centre, 7pm start

S3 PHOTOGRAPHS

Wednesday 15th March





Silver and Gold Leng Medal Competitions

The Leng Medal has been part of Dundee's Culture since 1902, celebrating the importance of traditional Scottish songs. This year we have had young people competing in both the silver and gold competitions. In December, Lucy, Nathaniel, Armaan, Katie, Simra and Shahd took part in our in-school Silver competition, all singers were outstanding and showed great courage and pride when performing.



Angela Green had the difficult task of crowning a winner from our very talented group of singers, but she awarded Harris Academy's Silver Leng Medal for 2022/2023 to Lucy in S2.

On the 22nd of January 2023, the Dundee City wide Gold Leng Medal competition took place in the magnificent venue of the DC Thomson building in Albert Square. Harris Academy had 5 young people representing the school - Kate, Blair, Simra, Lucy and Ailey. They entertained the audience with songs both well-known and new for some including The Skye Boat Song, Caledonia, Land O' the Leal, Lady Anne Bothwell's Lament and Will Ye No Come Back Again. The standard of the competition was extremely high with competitors ranging in age from P7 all the way to S6.



We are extremely proud of all the young people from Harris that took part, but a special mention goes to Kate in S5 who was named as one of two winners of the Gold Leng Medal for this year. Congratulations Kate!



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Dundee pupils Kate and Matthew become gold Leng Medal winners





Dundee School Sports Awards

Nominations for the 22/23 Dundee Sports Awards are now open!



We are pleased to share the news, that following a 3-year hiatus, the Leisure & Culture Dundee Sports Awards will return on Saturday 20 May 2023, with nominations now open! For the first time we will pay tribute to the success of our performance & community sports clubs and athletes and schools on the same evening. We will celebrate all the great projects, clubs and individuals who change lives through sport across Dundee.

The Dundee Sports Awards - Changing Lives Through Sport, sponsored by Gym Rental Company, will take place on Saturday 20 May 2023, at the Apex Hotel, bringing together local clubs, athletes, schools, volunteers and coaches from across the whole of Dundee.

There are 12 Award Categories for 22/23, each with its own nomination criteria. We are looking for nominees who have delivered terrific contributions between April 2022 and March 2023.

Below are the categories and most have a school context:

- Student Volunteer of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- School Volunteer of the Year
- Club Volunteer of the Year
- Jenny Wood Allen Memorial Trophy (Disability Sports person of the Year)
- Lifetime Commitment Award
- School of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Young Sports Person of the Year
- Sports Person of the Year
- Social Impact Award
- Changing Lives Award

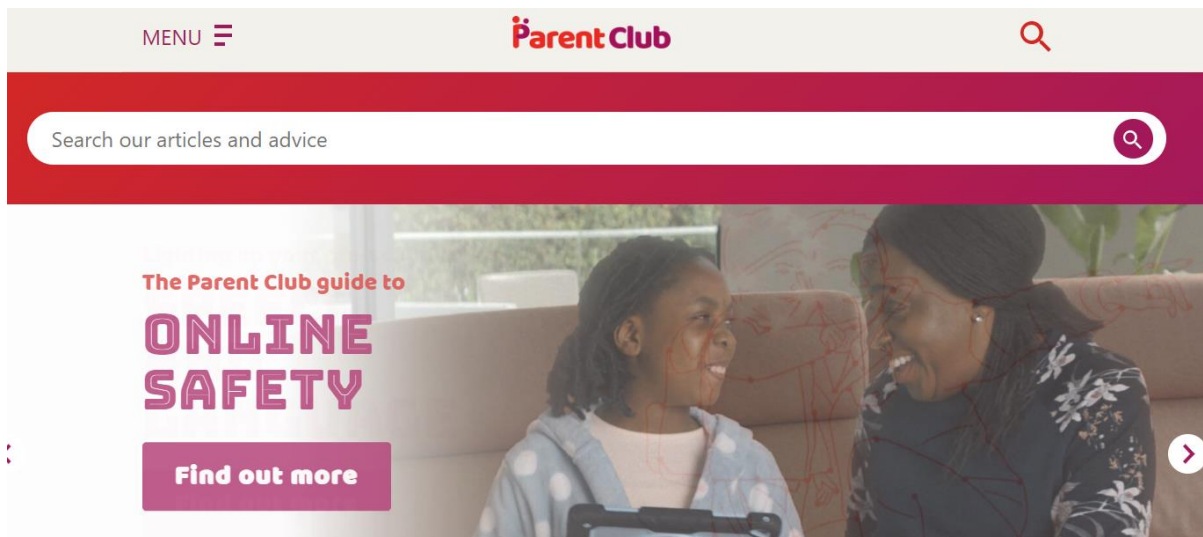
To view the criteria for each category and submit nominations, please visit <https://www.leisureandculturedundee.com/dsa> before the nomination deadline of Friday 24 March.





Parent Club

Parent Club have launched a new campaign to help families who are feeling completely overwhelmed by the additional pressures brought on by the current economic crisis.



The campaign raises awareness of the support that is available on the [Parent Club website](#). Parents and carers will find advice and be guided to trusted advisors, and these Money Talk Team and Local Authority Employment advisors offer free confidential advice to those with money or employment worries.

Senior Phase Reports (T Beattie)

Just a reminder that the Senior Phase Reports will be issued on Friday the 3rd of March.

National E-Learning Offer – Easter Study Support (T Beattie)

E-Sgoil have just released information regarding their Free Senior Phase Study Support programme for 2023. This is an excellent offer that is open to all students to support them with their SQA exams. There are 80 webinar groups, covering 30 subjects, running between the 3rd and 14th of April with live, interactive lessons. These sessions will consolidate learning that has happened in classes this year, to better prepare our young people for their exams. Pupils can register and also access a range of supporting documents at the following link <https://e-sgoil.com/easter-study-support-2023/>





Harris Study Portal (T Beattie)

Just a reminder that our study Portal can be accessed here - <https://sites.google.com/dd.glow.scot/harris-study-portal/home>.

The portal also has details of the ongoing National evening Study Support offer that pupils can sign up to free of charge <https://education.gov.scot/nelo/>

If you have any questions regarding accessing or to gather more information about these supports please contact myself at tbeattie520@dundeeschools.scot.

Powerful Teaching – A guide for parents and carers (T Beattie)

I will be offering a short twilight course for parents called Powerful Teaching – A guide for parents and carers. This is for any Senior Phase Parent and for those parents with pupils currently in S3 about to enter the Senior Phase. The course will run over three sessions in March (dates and times TBC) and will explore;

- The basics of how we learn
- Retrieval practice
- Metacognition “thinking about thinking”
- Spacing

This is to help your young person become more effective in their learning and explore how you can support this being done at home.

If you are interested in taking part in this short three week course please contact myself at tbeattie520@dundeeschools.scot on our before Thursday 2nd March.

