Dear Parent / Carer,

**s1 parent / carer evening**

Wednesday 17th May

**HT Surgery**

Monday 22nd May

**Dundeee & Angus college future talent (S3) event**

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th May

**Parent council meeting**

Thursday 25th May

**study leave ends**

Thursday 25th May

**INSET DAY – school closed to pupils**

Friday 26th May

**Victoria day holiday – school closed**

Monday 29th May

**new timetable begins**

Tuesday 30th May

**Dates for your diary**

**Saturday School and Masterclasses**

Saturday School continues this Saturday the 13th of May and will run throughout the exam diet. This Saturday the focus will be **Business Management, Fashion & Textile Technology, Art & Design and Computing Science.** These sessions will begin at **9am and will finish at 11am**, pupils should enter through the main doors of the school and **uniform is not required**.

Many of our subjects are running Masterclass sessions the afternoon closest to that particular exam. Teachers leading that course will have spoken to their pupils about the session and have encouraged them to sign up. This incoming week there will be masterclass sessions for **Health & Food Technology, Business Management, Modern Studies, Media and Fashion & Textile Technology.**

Thanks for encouraging your young people to attend these sessions. More information can be found on our study portal - <https://sites.google.com/dd.glow.scot/harris-study-portal/home>

**S1 Reports**

S1 Reports will begin to be issued to parents and carers today.

**S1 Parent & Carer evening**

A reminder that the online booking system is open for the S1 Parent & Carer evening which will take place this Wednesday evening (17th). Our school car park is still closed due to the on-going building work at the school and as a result extra time may be needed to park, please be mindful of any parking restrictions or regulations in the surrounding areas.

**Work Experience 2023**

Over the past two weeks the majority of our S3 pupils have successfully taken part in our Work Experience Programme. Of the 258 S3 pupils, 217 completed a week of work experience within the city and beyond, doing a vast variety of jobs. I would like to sincerely thank them for their participation and commitment to their work placements. The school have received several complimentary emails and calls from employers expressing their delight at the work ethic, maturity, and commitment of some of our S3 pupils. As well as these calls and emails I know that this years’ programme although challenging has proven to be a really good experience for so many. It is hoped that this experience will support our S3 pupils as they move through the school particularly with their course choices and in the pursuit of their career pathways. A special word of thanks to our S3 parents/carers for their continuous support and patience throughout the Work Experience programme especially those who helped source own arrangements placements.

**Child Protection – Help?**

Our Bi-Lingual Pupil Support Service is assisting us in translating our Child Protection procedures document into two of our top four non-English languages. Unfortunately, they presently do not have the expertise to assist us with Urdu and Punjabi translations. If any parent/ carer was willing to assist us in translating our CP procedures into either of these two languages please let Mr Stewart (DHT) know via the school office (01382 435700) or school e mail Harris Academy Shared Mailbox - harrisacademy@dundeeschools.scot. Thank you in advance for any support you can provide.

**Harris Pledge - Experiences**

Dear S1, S2 or S3 parent/carer,

As you will know, the next set of our wider experiences are going out this coming Monday to Friday. Information regarding these trips can be found below:

**Monday**

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| Trip | Time to meet | Other information |
| Avertical World Climbing Centre 4 | Register with your period 1 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 08:55. | Remember to wear clothing/footwear suitable for wall climbing. You can arrive to school in your clothing for climbing but must bring your school uniform to get changed into before you go back to class. You will be walking to Avertical World. |
| Dundee Science Centre Visit 1 | Register with your period 1 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 08:55. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to Dundee Science Centre. |
| RRS Discovery Visit and Workshop | Register with your period 1 teacher then meet at the clock tower for 9:10am. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to RRS Discovery. You will have your lunch whilst on this trip so please bring either a packed lunch or make sure you pre-order your lunch (cold options only) from the canteen on Friday the 12th of May and write on your pre-order form that you are going to the RRS discovery, the kitchen staff will make sure your lunch is ready to collect before you go. |
| Avertical World Climbing Centre 5 | Register with your period 5 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 13:15. | Remember to bring clothing/footwear suitable for wall climbing. Please get changed into your clothing for climbing during lunchtime, but avoid using the PE changing rooms as they will be being used for classes. You will be walking to Avertical World. |

**Tuesday**

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| Trip | Time to meet | Other information |
| Dundee Science Centre Visit 2 | Register with your period 1 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 08:55. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to Dundee Science Centre. |
| Verdant Works Visit | Register with your period 1 teacher then go to the plaza/clock tower for 9:25. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to Verdant Works. |
| Walk to the Law Hill | At the end of lunch, go straight to plaza/clock tower, do not go to period 5. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip but if you would like to bring normal clothes/alternative footwear to get changed into you can do this. You can get changed during lunchtime, but avoid using the PE changing rooms as they will be being used for classes. |

**Wednesday**

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| Trip | Time to meet | Other information |
| DCA Film Festival | Register with your period 1 teacher then go to the plaza/clock tower for 9am. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to the DCA. |
| HMS Unicorn | Register with your period 1 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 08:55. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to the HMS Unicorn. |

**Thursday**

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| Trip | Time to meet | Other information |
| Treasure Hunt at Balgay Park | Register with your period 1 teacher then go to the plaza/clock tower for 09:15. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to Balgay Park. |
| McManus Galleries | Register with your period 1 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 08:55. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to McManus Galleries. |

**Friday**

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| Trip | Time to meet | Other information |
| Ice Skating G2 and B2 | Register with your period 1 teacher then go to the plaza/clock tower for 9:20. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip however, you may want to bring a jumper or jacket as the ice arena will be cold. You will be getting a private coach to Dundee Ice Arena. |
| Trip to V&A Museum | Register with your period 1 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 08:55. | Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to The V&A. |
| Football at Elliot Road Week 2 | Meet at the plaza/clock tower straight after lunch. | You should bring suitable PE kit for this. You will be able to get changed at the Elliot Road changing rooms. |

Please can I ask that the consent form that has previously been sent to you is completed otherwise they will not be able to attend. Links to the consent forms can be found below, or the paper consent form attached to the letter informing you which trip your child will be attending can be handed in to the office.

S1 consent form - <https://forms.office.com/e/T8gpB73r9d>

S2 consent form - <https://forms.office.com/e/nyZ2D2A7cP>

S3 consent form - <https://forms.office.com/e/MxGXeY4tx6>

We are really looking forward to this exciting venture with our S1-S3 young people.

Thank you for your support, as always.

Mr Kieran Haxton

PT Wider Achievement (Acting)