



*Dear Parent / Carer,*

**As a reminder, the school will be closed to staff and pupils this Monday for the Victoria Day Bank Holiday.**

## **S2 Electives for Session 2023 - 24**

Mr Perry will hold an assembly for all S2 pupils during period 4 on Tuesday to explain the choices for elective classes during the session 23 – 24. Following this assembly, the booklet of choices along with the QR code / link to a Microsoft Form will be emailed to the parents of all new S2.

This form needs to be completed by Friday 2 June 2023.

## **Individual Course Choice Changes for Session 2023 - 24**

These will be managed as required during the first few days of the new timetable by the pupils individual Guidance teacher who will work closely with the timetabling team to facilitate all appropriate changes. Information will be given to all pupils during period 1 of their new timetable on how this will happen.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

### **NEW TIMETABLE BEGINS**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

### **S6 INDUCTION**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE EXPEDITION**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

### **S6 LEAVERS' EVENT**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June

### **P7 TRANSITION DAYS**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

### **S6 DANCE**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

### **P7 PARENT / CARER EVENING & UNIFORM EVENING**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

### **SUMMER CONCERT**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

### **ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

### **SCHOOL SESSION ENDS**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June





## College Course Arrangements for Session 2023 – 24

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### COLLEGE COURSES WILL START ON TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023

Mr Perry will hold an assembly at 9.15am on Tuesday 30 May 2023 for all pupils who will be attending college during session 23 – 24. Following this assembly, the QR code / link to a Microsoft Form will be emailed to the parents of all new college pupils. This form needs to be completed by Thursday 1 June 2023.

Bus arrangements are as follows:

## Logistical Information You Need

### Bus Times Monday & Wednesday

- You must be in the queue outside the plaza at 1.20pm
- The bus leaves at 1.30pm sharp

### Bus Times Tuesday & Thursday

TUESDAY – same as Monday and Wednesday

### Thursday

- You must be at the Plaza for 12.30pm
- The bus leaves at 12.45pm sharp





## Dundee Sports Awards Winners – J Doward, Principal Teacher of PE

### School of the Year – Harris Academy

We are very proud to announce we have been awarded the School of the Year at Dundee Sports Awards on Sat night in the Apex hotel. We were complimented on the range of activities we offer our young people, whether that be clubs in PE, sporting trips and the wider achievement and leadership opportunities that this all brings to our school community. We in the PE department are supported by everyone in the staff body who take a club, join in a club, give lifts or say well done to any of our young people when they have achieved. We cannot thank you enough for all your support, please can this continue. (we will always make room for more) . 😊



### Young Volunteer of the Year - Rebecca Moore



Rebecca worked so hard to rebuild our dance club Velocity, giving lots of time and energy to the group who now have members across all year groups. She has mentored younger members to now become the leaders in years to come, she worked with Miss Smith to host a fabulous cluster dance show and led our Velocity dance team to runners up in all 3 categories of the Dundee Schools Dance Show, she is amazing!

We were also very pleased to see some Ex-Harris Pupils being rewarded for their work in our community and the wider city. Neil Ferrier for his work both here in Harris and our feeder schools, and Baillie Deans who works in Rosebank Primary School as an ASN inclusion worker supporting the young people and families of that community.





## BBC Radio 1 Big Weekend

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A few months ago, our Pupil Support Team (Aimi, Elaine, Stacy, Bronwyn and Nicky) got in touch with **BBC Radio 1** after the announcement that their '*Big Weekend*' was to be hosted in Dundee and they wanted to try and have our School Community involved, one way or another.

The first opportunity was for a group of pupils to work with **BBC Scotland's: The LAB**, which is a learning outreach programme who specialise in delivering in-school digital media workshops. The pupils learnt about the processes involved in digital media, and they worked as a team to develop their own ideas and then go on to write, direct and film a short movie about *Anxiety*. The 2-minute film can be viewed here... <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0fp3wx0>

The second experience was for a group of pupils to attend the **BBC Radio 1 Life Hacks** Panels. '*Life Hacks*' is a show on Radio 1 in the evenings that explore issues that affect young people - primarily mental health issues. These shows are hosted by the BBC Radio 1 presenters, Katie Thistleton and Vick Hope. We attended **all 4 panels** throughout the week with different groups of our young people and various topics were discussed, including dealing with pressure, handling things we can't control, why it's important to fail and why do we feel like we don't fit in. Each panel featured different guests each day in different locations in Dundee, and all panellists have lived experiences of mental health issues. Both Radio 1 presenters then visited us in the school to be interviewed by the LAB pupils and the Anxiety film was then played on the Life Hacks show on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Two clips are available to watch by clicking below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0fq5gg0>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0fq2tpp>

This has been an **amazing experience** for our young people and the school, one we will never forget.







## School Uniform for next session

### HARRIS ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY



#### OUR EXPECTATIONS

- WHITE SHIRT
- HARRIS ACADEMY SCHOOL TIE
- BLACK TROUSERS OR SKIRT
- BLACK CARDIGAN OR SWEATSHIRT
- PLAIN BLACK SHOES OR TRAINERS

#### OPTIONAL

- HARRIS ACADEMY BLAZER

#### WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND

- NO HOODIES
- NO LEGGINGS
- NO LARGE LOGOS ON SWEATSHIRTS
- NO JOGGING BOTTOMS

IF YOU NEED ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORTING OUR DRIVE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO WEAR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM ON A DAILY BASIS, PLEASE CONTACT THE RELEVANT GUIDANCE TEACHER IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.



Our aim is to improve the consistency in relation to the standard of uniform for next session. To this end, I am sharing, as a reminder, our expected standards that we hope to see every day but especially from August.

We will ensure that no young person or family is disadvantaged if cost is a barrier to working to our standards. If you require support, please get in contact with the relevant Guidance teacher.

During June, we will hold a uniform evening that will give families a chance to buy direct from our suppliers. Our hope would also be to have pre-loved items available for families to take. If you have any suitable school clothing items that may be of use to other young people, please pass them into our main school office.

RESPECT EQUALITY ENJOYMENT ACHIEVEMENT





## Young Talent Programme

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The Young Talent programme, delivered in partnership with MCR Pathways, is a school-based 1:1 mentoring programme that connects young people who need additional encouragement, with adult mentors.

MCR recruits and trains volunteer mentors who are matched with a young person based on personality, interests and career aspirations. Mentors meet with their young person at their school for just one hour a week and provide a compassionate, listening ear. Mentors help their young person engage with their education and build the self-belief they need to progress onto further education, higher education or employment. For this, MCR are looking for the local community to become mentors. For more information and to become a mentor in one of Dundee's schools, please visit <https://mcrpathways.org/>

The Young Talent programme also delivers S1 and S2 weekly group work sessions. These are focused primarily on building confidence, health & wellbeing and developing life and work skills. This allows the Pathways Coordinator, Bronwyn, to build trust and an individual relationship with each young person, preparing them for mentoring when they reach S3.

The school's Pathways Coordinator develops, facilitates and oversees the individual requirements of each pupil they work with. The Young Talent programme is a highly effective way for young people to identify and build on their strengths, achieve goals and realise their full potential.

The Young Talent programme is one part of our suite of targeted support opportunities to increase inclusion and promote positive health and well-being for young people in our learning community.

