



Harris Academy | Parent / Carer Newsletter

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Dear Parent / Carer,

End of school session

As a reminder, our school session ends on Friday (30th) at 12pm. Young people are permitted to come to school in non-uniform.

Our Xplore school buses have confirmed that they will be on site at 12pm to transport our young people home.

All lunch orders need to be pro-ordered first thing in the morning.

SQA Appeals

The Appeals process this year is very different to the one used last year as alternative assessment evidence **will not be looked at**.

This year, if you appeal your grade, a senior marker will carry out a marking review of your SQA-marked assessments. This is not a re-mark.

Please be aware that after marking review has been carried out, the result could stay the same, go up or go down.

If you have a concern about a grade (or grades) which are marked on your certificate, you can appeal directly to the SQA or you can ask this school to do this on your behalf. This service will open on results day, Tuesday 8th August at 9am submission deadlines are,

- Tuesday 15 August at 11:59pm for priority appeals
- Tuesday 29 August at 11:59pm for all other appeals

For more information from the SQA regarding the Appeals process click on the link below.

[2023 SQA Appeals information](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY

Thursday 29th June

SCHOOL SESSION ENDS

Friday 30th June





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Parent Portal

To support communications between schools and parents/carers, the Scottish Government's Improvement Service has developed a Parents Portal. Dundee is now joining 14 other Local Authorities which have introduced the Portal, and we will be introducing this on a phased basis from August.

Advantages of the Parent Portal are:

- enhances the digital relationship between parents, pupils and schools by giving you direct online access to a range of school-related services
- links to the basic information provided by you and held securely on the Seemis database by your child's school. You can view information or update details at a time that suits you.
- uses the secure My Gov login also used for other Dundee City Council services. If you don't yet have a My Gov account, you'll create one at registration for the Parents Portal.

We hope that the Parents Portal and its services will become an integral part of home school communications for you and so will enhance your child's overall school experience, and we would encourage and value your support in registering for this service.

Further information will be issued in August.





Update on Guidance Team staffing for session 2023 - 2024

Cawdor House

With thanks to Miss Anderson for supporting the Cawdor team in an acting PT Guidance role for the majority of this session, Mr Mordente takes up post as full time PT Guidance for Cb classes for the next academic session.

Forres House

We say a very fond farewell to Mrs Nicoll in Forres as she moves to Websters High School at the end of term. Mrs Nicolson returns from maternity leave in August to take up her PT Guidance post but on a 4-day week basis, working Monday – Thursday. Mr Ross Clark has been appointed to be PT Guidance for Fb&Fc classes on a Friday from the first week back after the holidays.

Kinloch House

At the end of September, Mrs Gow will reduce her working week to 3 days, working Monday – Wednesday as PT Guidance for Kb&Kc classes. Miss Anderson has been appointed to be PT Guidance on a Thursday and Friday for Kb&Kc classes.

Birnam		Cawdor		Forres		Kinloch	
PTs Guidance		PTs Guidance		PTs Guidance		PTs Guidance	
Mrs Taylor / Ms Walker	Mr Cunningham	Mr Lesslie	Mr Mordente	Mr Clements	Mrs Nicolson / Mr Clark	Mr Milne	Mrs Gow / Miss Anderson
S1 – S6 Ba classes	S1 – S6 Bb & Bc classes	S1 – S6 Ca & Cc Classes	S1 – S6 Cb classes	S1 – S6 Fa classes	S1 – S6 Fb & Fc classes	S1 – S6 Ka classes	S1 – S6 Kb & Kc classes
House Head		House Head		House Head		House Head	
Mrs MacDonald		Mrs McKinlay		Mr Beattie		Mr Stewart	





Re-coursing day – Thursday 10th August

Any pupils who do not receive the exams results they hope for are invited to visit school between 10am and 12 noon on Thursday 10 August 2023 to speak with a member of the Guidance team from their House to look at options that may want to be changed.

- This is only available for pupils who did not get the result(s) they expected.
- Pupils who want to change courses for any other reason will not be seen that day.
- All changes will be gathered then analysed by the Senior Leadership Team before being processed.

Career Ready – Summer Internships

Good luck to the following S6 pupils who are due to start their 4-week Career Ready Internships the last week of term.

Sehr Iqbal (6Cb) and Kirsty Turner (6Ka) and former Harris students Hristiyana Hristova and Hope West.





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Pupil Support Team – Period Dignity

In advance of the summer holiday, packs of free period products will be available for young people to collect from the Inclusion Room in the admin corridor or the main foyer of the school by Wednesday 28th June 2023. A reminder that the school will be completely closed from Monday 3rd July – Sunday 30th July inclusive so young people are advised to take as much as they need. School re-opens on Monday 31st July and at that point packs can be uplifted from the external foyer area.

Alternatively free period products are also available via the link below or via both the IOS or Android **PickupMyPeriod** apps which can be downloaded for free:

Period products are also available via:
<https://FindFreePeriodProductsinDundee>

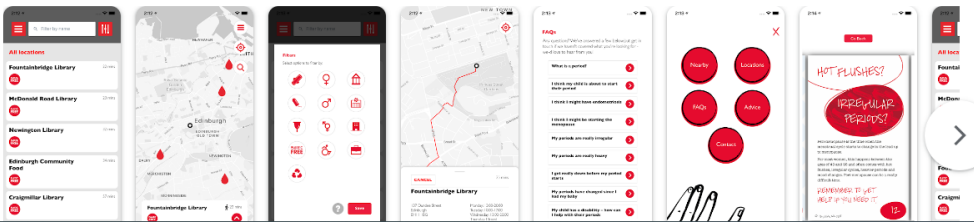
Apple / Android Apps:
IOS - PickupMyPeriod app
Android - PickupMyPeriod app

PickupMyPeriod

Pogo Studio

5K+ Downloads | Everyone

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The extended Pupil Support Team wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.





Modern Languages Department – Recent Achievements

P7 Passport to Europe transition event saw over 250 young people take part in a variety of language focused activities. All P7s participated enthusiastically, and each session was a lot of fun and a great success. Over 25 S3 pupils supported the event by working alongside the P7 pupils and helping to keep track of the scores.



Chris Rolfe Award: After a few years' break due to Covid, the Chris Rolfe Award for Excellence in Speaking another Language returned. Jessica Forrester represented Harris in the competition and was a great credit to our school. It was a close contest and whilst Jessica did not win, she demonstrated great confidence in delivering her presentation in Spanish to the judging panel.

S3 Health Project: Over the course of term 3 all S3 pupils of French and Spanish put the language they had learned from their Health topic to create a media campaign. Pupils worked in groups to decide which social platform to use and the aspect of health they wanted to focus on. Each group designed their campaign in the language and then presented it to the rest of the class. Four winning teams are now recording their projects to participate in the final which is organised by SCILT and will go up against pupils from 2 other schools from our improvement collaborative.

