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Parent / Carer Newsletter Session 2021 – 2022 Issue 13

Dear Parent / Carer,

IN what will be the penultimate newsletter of this term, please find enclosed some details that I am sure will be of use, particularly to our senior pupils in the run-up to the first assessment block of the session.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10th December. We are inviting staff and pupils to wear festive colours or a Christmas Jumper and make a small monetary donation this Friday coming. Pupils do not need to wear school uniform on this day.

Flu vaccination

Any young person who was unable to receive their Flu vaccination can call the Flu Immunisation Team on 01307-475240. Further information can be accessed via the following links: [NHS Tayside \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) or [Primary and secondary school children | The flu vaccine \(nhsinform.scot\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

S2 Electives will change over after the Christmas holiday.

Young people will choose their elective next week (in their computing class). Assemblies will take place during P1 on Monday to introduce this.

Pupils will also complete an evaluation of their current elective.

The course choice booklet is available on our website.

<http://harrisacademy.ea.dundee.sch.uk/course-choice/s2-electives-2021-2022>

Senior Phase – Our Approaches to Formal Assessments

Further to the information shared last week about our approaches to Formal Assessments, the timetable for Formal Assessment Block 1 has now been finalised.

During the week of 13th to 17th December formal assessments will take place within the Mathematics and Art Departments. Mathematics assessments will be held during class time as indicated in the timetable below. All assessments will take place within their department.

Class teachers will go over the timings of all assessments with their classes.

Formal Assessment Block 1: Monday 13th December – Friday 17th December		
Date	Time	Subject
Tuesday 14 th	P3	4A N5 Maths
Tuesday 14 th	P3	5A N5 Maths
Tuesday 14 th	P3	5A Higher Maths
Tuesday 14 th	P4	4B N5 Maths
Tuesday 14 th	P4	AH Maths
Tuesday 14 th	P5	5B N5 Maths
Tuesday 14 th	P5	5B Higher Maths
Wednesday 15th		
Wednesday 15 th	P1 & P2	4A N5 Maths
4A N5 pupils to come out of core PE and to Maths for assessment. PE staff could cover		
Wednesday 15 th	P1 & P2	AH Maths
Wednesday 15 th	P3 & P4	4B N5 Maths
Wednesday 15 th	P6 & P7	5A N5 Maths
Wednesday 15 th	P6 & P7	5A Higher Maths
Thursday 16th		
Thursday 16 th	P1	Practical Art Prelim All Day – Pupils off timetable
Thursday 16 th	P3	
Thursday 16 th	P4	
Thursday 16 th	P5	
Thursday 16 th	P6	
Friday 17th		
Friday 17 th	P1 & P2	5B N5 Maths
Friday 17 th	P1 & P2	5N Higher Maths

Planned Charities Approach

With Christmas fast approaching, the Harris Academy school community comes together again to support numerous charity projects. Each year we build on the success of the previous year, and we take great pride in the efforts we achieve. This year we will be supporting the following charities: -

- Harris@Home – this wonderful project supports young people and families in our school community who may find this time of year challenging for many reasons. We anticipate supporting almost 120 families this Christmas.
- Roxburgh House - we are raising money to purchase dementia clocks for patient rooms. Pupils and staff in Home Economics have also made beautiful fabric Christmas decorations
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Ninewells Hospital – we will be donating 20 Christmas stockings for the babies, these are filled with lovely gifts including a handmade Christmas bauble designed and produced by our Technology department. This year we will also donate several hampers of hand knitted items, memory bags and comforting squares all hand made by pupils, staff, and the wider school community
- UNICEF Christmas Jumper Appeal

All the above achievements are made possible by the kindness and generosity of our pupils, staff, and families. We truly appreciate the support we receive from everyone and would like to thank you for your continued support.

Finally, if anyone would like to assist us with supporting any of the above projects then we would be exceptionally grateful. A former pupil has just heard about our charity work and has very generously gifted us a donation for our Harris @ Home project. We would also like to thank local businesses / organisations who continue to support us with our charity work.

With Best Wishes,

The Harris Academy Charity Committee



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Millar'.

Barry Millar
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