



Crisis in Ukraine

Without doubt, you like me, have been saddened by the unfolding events within the Ukraine. The thought of innocent people, particularly the young, caught up in a war is both chilling and upsetting. As educators I believe that we have an important role to play in highlighting the plight of those that suffer at the hands of aggressors who strive to bring destruction, death, and chaos to others. Therefore, in a show of solidarity to the citizens of Ukraine I have asked staff to, wherever possible, raise awareness of the brutality and injustice that is ongoing and to support our young people in their understanding of these dreadful events. As a school community we are desperately mindful of all who are caught up in this conflict, but we especially think of those within our community who have family members within Ukraine or are seeking shelter in neighbouring countries. As one we stand in support of the downtrodden within Ukraine and hope and pray for peace.

Update from Parent Council

Following the March meeting of the Parent Council, I would like to share with all Parents & Carers, some key matters from the meeting:

1. Parent/Carer Consultation

Acting DHT. Mr Beattie gave a presentation in relation to a consultation that is about to open regarding ways to reintroduce universal support, previously delivered through registration, across the school. There are several possible models that can be used, and these will be explained in the consultation. It is important that a widespread audience is involved in this consultation: i.e., Parents, Staff and Young People and I would therefore encourage the parent body to engage in this exercise to allow the school to make the best decision for the Young People.

At the same time the school are looking to consult regarding interval and lunch breaks. Currently a '2 separate lunch break and morning interval system' has been in operation. The school will be seeking our views on this moving forward. Again, it is important you engage in this for the benefit of your young person.

[FEEDBACK FORM LINK](#)

2. Leadership Opportunity for S3 pupils

Mis Meldrum advised us of Leadership opportunities for S3 pupil to take on the roll of Prefect during study leave. The parent council congratulated the school for introducing this to give these young pupils the chance to show leadership and engage in the workings of the school.

3. Parent Training to help their Young People

The school are delivering some online training to assist parents in helping their Young People in Maths and English. I would encourage Parents and Carers to engage in this for the benefit of their family.



4. With the easing of restrictions in particular masks please help the school by reiterating these must still be worn in communal area's and ask when doing so in these area's they are worn over the nose, which should also be the case if wearing the mask voluntarily in the classroom.

With best wishes to you all.

Murray McLeod – Parent Council chairperson

SQA Information Session

As a reminder, we plan to run an information session related to this year's SQA course support and examination process for all young people and their parents/carers to attend on Monday 14th March at 7pm (via Teams).

You can join the session by clicking on the following link

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

P7 Transition Open Evenings / Roadshows

We are delighted to be hosting three P7 Transition Open Evening / Roadshow events over the next three weeks as follows:

Wednesday 9th March 2022 – Ancrum Road PS / Camperdown PS 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Tuesday 15th March 2022 – Tayview PS / Invergowrie PS 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Thursday 24th March 2022 – Blackness PS / Victoria Park PS 6.30pm – 8.30pm

We look forward to welcoming our prospective S1 pupils, with one parent or carer, into our school as part of our transition process. Invite letters have been sent out by all our cluster primary schools.

Appointment of Acting Depute Head Teacher

Ms Anna McFarlane will take up post with us from Monday. She joins us from her substantive post as PT Guidance and Developing the Young Workforce at St Paul's RC Academy.

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Please can you help? Work Experience 2022

As many of you will be aware, our Harris S3 Work Experience programme will be taking place again this year after a two-year absence due to the pandemic. Unfortunately, the number of placements for this year's work experience programme has been seriously diminished due to businesses, firms and organisations slowly starting to get back to normality. Our aim here at Harris is that every young person is given the opportunity to experience a work placement; this is a part of our pledge. However, regrettably this year the opportunities are very few. Therefore, can I kindly ask that if you are an employer, either big or small and have the capacity, would you please consider taking a young person for a work experience placement for a week either at the end of April or beginning of May?

We know that we have rich resource of parents and carers who may be able to offer some of our people this fantastic chance to experience the world of work and we sincerely ask for your continuous help and support.

If you are able and will help us with this then please contact the school and ask to speak to Mr Clements who will be delighted to share more information with you.