



*Dear Parent / Carer,*

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

## Saturday School and Masterclasses

Saturday School continues this Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April and will run throughout the exam diet. This Saturday there will be sessions running for **History, Maths and English**. 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 History, Maths, Music and English.

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>

## e-Sgoil Study Support – SQA Exams

A reminder that the national learning offer for study support will continue throughout the exam session. These study sessions are completely free and available to all of our Harris S4 to S6 pupils. To see the schedule for subjects and to register please click [here](#).

e-Sgoil have also refreshed and updated their Senior Phase learning spaces, this is a great set of resources to support during the exams and can be accessed [here](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MAY DAY HOLIDAY

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

### SQA STUDY LEAVE BEGINS

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### KING'S CORONATION DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

### S1 TRACKING REPORT ISSUED

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

### S1 PARENT / CARER EVENING

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May





## Child Protection – Help?

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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](mailto:harrisacademy@dundeeschools.scot). Thank you in advance.

## Punctuality

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We have, unfortunately, noticed a decline in the number of young people arriving on-time in the morning for school. A warning bell rings at 8.40am and again at 8.45am for the start of the day and for learning to begin for period 1.

As a result, our House Teams who meet / greet our young people in the morning at the House Doors will re-introduce our policy of providing a verbal warning for the first instance of latecoming in a week then issue a refectation period (detention) for a second instance of latecoming within the same week unless a reasonable excuse is provided or parent / carer contact has been made to provide a reason for the poor punctuality. By way of an example clearly no period of refectation (detention) would be issued to a young person if the school bus was late and young people therefore through no fault of their own, arrived late to school.

Pupils who arrive late through the front doors after 8.50am will be issued with an automatic detention unless a reasonable excuse is provided, or parent / carer contact has been made to provide a reason for the poor punctuality.

Where required, text messages will be sent to parents / carers to keep you fully informed.

House Teams / SSW's will re-introduce this system from **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** for our S1-3 pupils.

We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring our young people develop positive habits which will stand them in good stead in future employment opportunities and life in general. Thank you again for your continued support.





## Premiership Experience Trip

On the first weekend of the April holidays, 46 pupils from S1 to S6 travelled to Manchester for a football filled residential. The pupils enjoyed watching a 5-goal thriller as Manchester City played Liverpool, where some pupils were able to celebrate 4 goals and other pupils unfortunately were only able to celebrate 1.



On Sunday we travelled to Old Trafford the home of Manchester United where we received a behind the scenes tour and spent time in the club museum before returning to Dundee. Despite the long days and the excitement of the weekend, every pupil behaved impeccably at all times. Throughout the trip the positive behaviour displayed by the pupils was praised by many including, our coach driver, hotel staff, fellow guest at the hotel and our tour guides at Old Trafford.



All the young people were a credit to the school.





## **Pre-loved uniform - reminder**

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As is becoming a tradition, we would be delighted to accept any pre-loved school uniform to pass on to other families within our community. This can include, blazers, ties, school shirts, PE kits etc.

If you have any such items, please feel free to pass them into our main school office.

## **S6 Dance – offer of support - reminder**

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Jodie Ewen (Executive Assistant and Student Liaison for Tayside Aviation) has created a group/project to help young girls in Dundee find a dress to borrow for the S6/Staff Dance instead of purchasing an expensive dress that they may only wear once. She plans to host an evening event where all dresses will be on display and girls can try them on like a true dress shopping experience. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Miss Anderson in the Cawdor Guidance Base (Room 3302). Jodie has also created a Facebook page where she will share information about the project - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thepromproject>.

