

# Harris Academy

Parent / Carer Newsletter | Session 2021 - 2022

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**Dear Parent / Carer,**

Please find below our most up to date information which is collated by various members of the school's Senior Leadership and sent out, by me, on all our behalf.

## School Closure Days

As a reminder, the school is closed to all staff and young people on Thursday and Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June) for the Platinum Jubilee and Victoria Day Holidays.

## SQA

Well done to our Senior pupils for maintaining extremely high standards of attendance this week during the penultimate week of the SQA examinations.

Three days left to go. Good luck to all of our young people sitting examinations over the final three days.

We held a social event for our SQA Invigilation Team this week to say a very well deserved thank you for their fantastic support throughout the SQA examination diet. I am delighted to report that several invigilators commented on the warm welcome received, positive atmosphere in and around the building and the well-mannered young people who make their job straightforward and enjoyable.

## SQA Examinations – Week 6

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Computing Science (N5 and Higher)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Environmental Science (Higher) German (N5, H)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Drama (N5, H)

## House Head – Birnam House

As of Monday, Mrs MacDoanld will return to the position of Birnam House Head. I would like to note my thanks to Ms McKinlay for effectively supporting the young people and colleagues in her role as acting House Head.

Ms McKinlay will remain in the Leadership Team until the summer break and will focus on various school improvement areas.



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## P7 – S1 Transition

Invitation letters to parents / carers of our prospective S1 pupils were forwarded to primary schools earlier this week in advance of the P7 – S1 Induction Days on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

A huge thanks to our Modern Languages department for hosting three Passport to Europe P7-S1 transition events over the past two weeks. Highly successful sessions allowing our young people to mix with other young people from different primary schools. It was especially pleasing to meet young people from non-cluster schools who were visiting us for the first time.

Special thanks to our S3 pupils who supported the three events fantastically – making our prospective S1 pupils feel welcomed and positive throughout the sessions.



On the week beginning Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June we will be trialing a new shape of the school day, with our primary focus being on morning interval. This trial will last for one week and is after much consultation with pupils, parents, and staff. On Monday to Thursday the interval will be extended from 10 to 15 mins, however junior and senior intervals will still remain separate. On Friday the interval will be extended to 20 mins and all junior and senior pupils will break at the same time. The knock-on effect will be that the end time of the school day will be 5 minutes later, moving back to the pre-covid times of 15:40 and 14:50, this will not impact on buses.



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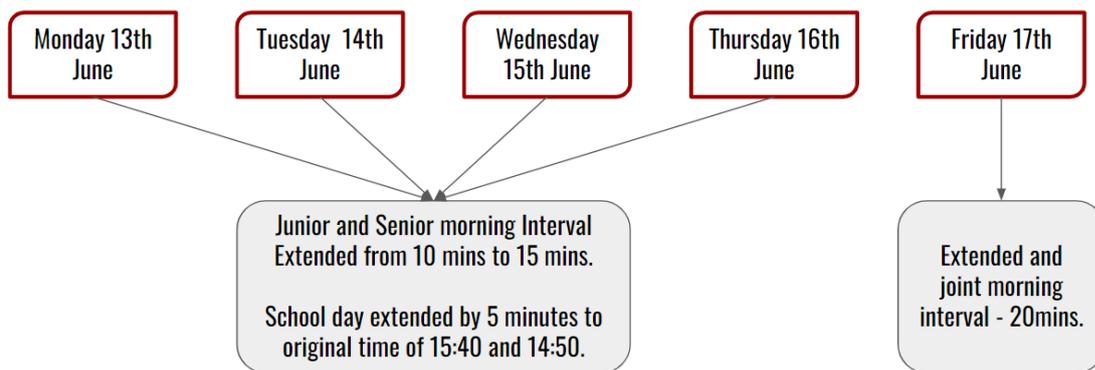


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Shape of the school day  
Trial week 13th June



#### Period times S1 to S3 Mon to Thu

P1 - 8:45 to 9:35  
P2 - 9:35 to 10:25  
BGE interval 10:25 to 10:40  
P3 - 10:40 to 11:30  
P4 - 11:30 to 12:20  
Lunch 12:20 to 13:10  
P5 - 13:10 to 14:00  
P6 - 14:00 to 14:50  
P7 - 14:50 to 15:40

#### Period times S4 to S6 Mon to Thu

P1 - 8:45 to 9:35  
P2 - 9:35 to 10:25  
P3 10:25 to 11:15  
SP Interval - 11:15 to 11:30  
P4 - 11:30 to 12:20  
P5 12:20 to 13:10  
Lunch - 13:10 to 14:00  
P6 - 14:00 to 14:50  
P7 - 14:50 to 15:40

#### Period times for joint interval on Friday

P1 - 8:45 to 9:35  
P2 - 9:35 to 10:25  
Interval 10:25 to 10:45  
P3 - 10:45 to 11:30  
P4 - 11:30 to 12:20  
Rest of day continues as  
Thursday with an end time of  
14:50.

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## Dundee & Angus College Taster Days (S2)

Last week S2 pupils took part in two days visit of the Dundee & Angus College. This was a great success with pupils experiencing many of the subjects on offer at the college. Activities ranged from paper and decorating to profiling within the criminology department.

Throughout the visit college staff complimented our pupils on their positive engagement, behaviour, and manners. Our S2 pupils were a real credit to the school and exhibited our aims and values in their words and actions.

## Free Transport for all Young People

A reminder to parents/carers as from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022, all under 22s in Scotland are entitled to free bus travel. To take advantage of this, your young person will need a new Junior National Entitlement Card (NEC). Your consent is needed for young people under 16 years of age. **Without completing this process, your child will not get free travel.** Over 12s also need to supply a photograph for this card. For information about the Junior NEC, please go to [www.entitlementcard.org.uk](http://www.entitlementcard.org.uk).

*If you haven't already applied for a free bus travel, please do as soon as possible. Please contact the school if you would like more information.*

## Dates for your diary

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	S1 Tracking Report Issued
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Senior Pupils Return; Change of Timetable
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Final SQA Exam of the session
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> / Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Victoria Day / Queen's Jubilee Holidays
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Staff and S6 leavers' BBQ
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> / Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Transition Days
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Evening
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	S6 Dance
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Prizegiving
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Concert
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Term and School Session ends

**Barry Millar, Head Teacher**



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