



Dear Parent / Carer,

School Captains 2023 - 2024

Scarlett Brady and Robyn Rennie



SQA Exams

Our SQA Exams will take place from 24th April – 26th May and we wish all of our young people the very best in each and every exam.

It is extremely important that all young people attend all exams that they have been presented for. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if your child cannot attend on the day of their exam for any reason.

As a reminder, young people **must wear** school uniform when attending their exams.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HEAD TEACHER'S SURGERY

Monday 24th April

SQA EXAMS BEGIN

Monday 24th April

S1 HPV VACCINATIONS

Tuesday 25th April

MAY DAY HOLIDAY

Monday 1st May

SQA STUDY LEAVE BEGINS

Tuesday 2nd May

KING'S CORONATION DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 8th May

S1 TRACKING REPORT ISSUED

Friday 12th May

S1 PARENT / CARER EVENING

Wednesday 17th May





Study Leave

All Dundee Schools begin study leave on **Tuesday 2nd May until Friday 26th May** for all young people who are sitting one or more National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher qualification.

Young people who have exams OUTWITH these dates are entitled to the **day before and the day of the exam** to prepare / sit the examination. **This applies from Monday 24th April.**

Any young person in S4 that are not sitting any National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher exam will be expected to attend school. There is no formal alternative programme in place for these young people at present and, in the first instance, they should attend their timetabled classes.

SLT will meet with the young people on Tuesday 2nd May to discuss an appropriate alternative programme that suits their interests.

Pre-loved uniform

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.





Easter School, Saturday School, and Masterclasses

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who encouraged your young people to attend Easter School over the holidays. It was very well attended and the feedback from the young people was that it was very beneficial in supporting them as they work towards their exams.

Saturday School

Saturday School begins this Saturday the 22nd of April and will run throughout the exam diet. This Saturday there will be sessions running for **Admin and IT, History, Maths and P.E.** 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.

Masterclass Sessions

Many of our subjects are running Masterclass sessions on 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 **Geography, Politics, Admin and IT, Biology, Music Tech, History and P.E.**

Many 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>





House Championship Update - Miss Milne, Home Economics department



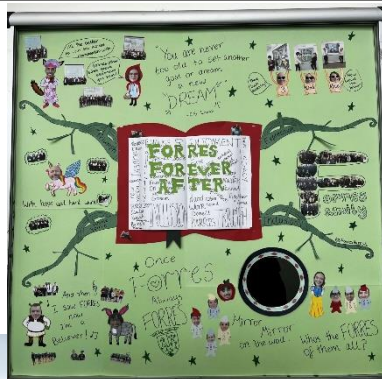
The House Championship has been fantastic this year with pupils from all Houses engaging within assemblies, noticeboards, achievement forms and Varsity Cup!

It has been a great pleasure being part of the House Championship this year, I have seen all House Captains go from strength to strength from their first assembly to their last notice board. All House Captains and pupils involved with the assemblies/noticeboards have shown an incredible amount of dedication and should be proud of what they have contributed to the school and their community this year.

Below is the running total of points that houses have achieved so far:

Birnam	3,205
Cawdor	2,490
Forres	2,490
Kinloch	1,930

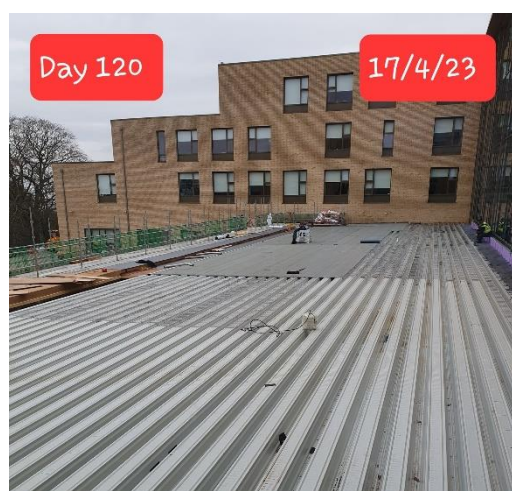
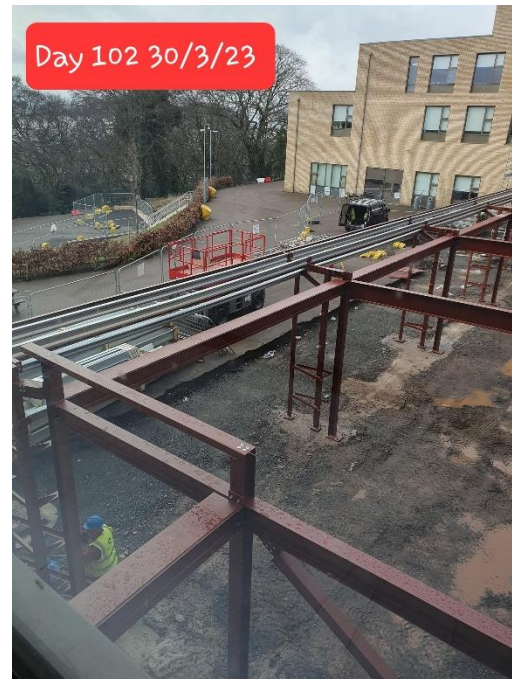
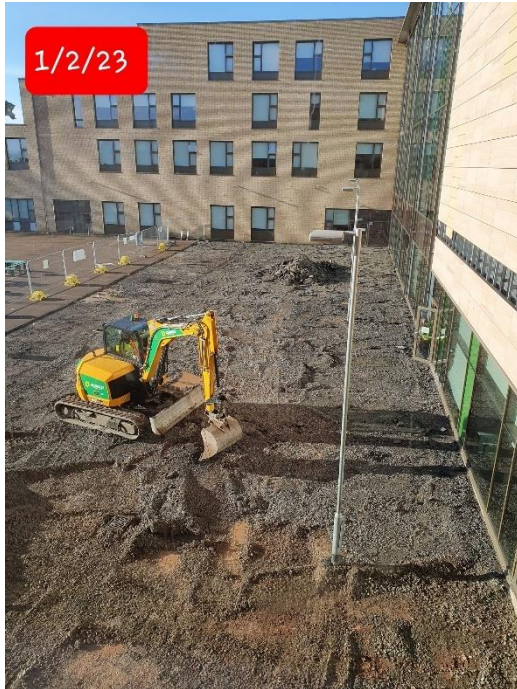
Huge congratulations to all Houses and their commitment towards the House Championship! Now for the final total of points to be kept under lock and key until prizegiving.....





School Extension Update

With the help of Bev Smith, one of our School Support Workers, please see below some photographs of the progress to date with our extension.





S6 Dance – offer of support

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>.

Harris Pledge - Experiences

Dear S1, S2 or S3 parent/carer,

As you will know, the first of our wider experience excursions are going out this coming Monday to Friday. Information regarding these trips can be found below:

Monday

Trip	Time to meet	Other information
Avertical World Climbing Centre1	Register with your period 1 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 08:55.	Remember to wear clothing/footwear suitable for wall climbing. You can arrive to school in your clothing for climbing but must bring your school uniform to get changed into before you go back to class. You will be walking to Avertical World.
Avertical World Climbing Centre 2	Register with your period 5 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 13:15.	Remember to bring clothing/footwear suitable for wall climbing. Please get changed into your clothing for climbing during lunchtime, but avoid using the PE changing rooms as they will be being used for classes. You will be walking to Avertical World.





<p>Dance workshop at Showcase the Street 1</p>	<p>Please register with your period 4 teacher then, once you are changed, meet at the plaza/clock tower. No later than 11:45.</p>	<p>Remember to bring suitable clothing to dance in. You can get changed into this clothing after you have registered for period 4, please avoid using the PE changing rooms for this as they will be being used for classes. You will need to bring a packed lunch to eat on your way to the workshop. You will also need to bring your YoungScot card as you are getting the bus to showcase the street. You will be walking/getting public transport to Showcase the Street.</p>
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Tuesday

Trip	Time to meet	Other information
<p>Treasure Hunt at Balgay Park</p>	<p>Register with your period 1 teacher then go to the plaza/clock tower for 09:15.</p>	<p>Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will be walking to Balgay Park.</p>
<p>Trip to Victoria Park Community Garden</p>	<p>Register with your period 1 teacher then go to the plaza/clock tower for 09:15.</p>	<p>Remember to wear clothing/footwear suitable for gardening. You can arrive to school in your clothing for gardening but must bring your school uniform to get changed into before you go back to class. You will be walking to Victoria Park Community Garden.</p>
<p>Avertical World Climbing Centre 3</p>	<p>Register with your period 5 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 13:15.</p>	<p>Remember to bring clothing/footwear suitable for wall climbing. Please get changed into your clothing for climbing during lunchtime, but avoid using the PE changing rooms as they will be being used for classes. You will be walking to Avertical World.</p>





Dance workshop at Showcase the Street 2	Please register with your period 4 teacher then, once you are changed, meet at the plaza/clock tower. No later than 11:45.	Remember to bring suitable clothing to dance in. You can get changed into this clothing after you have registered for period 4, please avoid using the PE changing rooms for this as they will be being used for classes. You will need to bring a packed lunch to eat on your way to the workshop. You will also need to bring your YoungScot card for free bus travel as you are getting the bus to showcase the street and the bus back to school. You will be walking to Showcase the Street.
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Thursday

Trip	Time to meet	Other information
Trip to Dundee University	Register with your period 1 teacher then go straight to the plaza/clock tower. No later than 8:55.	Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip. You will have your lunch during senior lunch on this day, so it is bets that you either bring a packed lunch or get your lunch from the canteen. You will be walking to Dundee University.

Friday

Trip	Time to meet	Other information
Ice Skating G1 and B1	Register with your period 1 teacher then go to the plaza/clock tower for 9:20.	Your school uniform will be suitable for this trip however, you may want to bring a jumper or jacket as the ice arena will be cold. You will be getting a private coach to Dundee Ice Arena.
Football at Elliot Road Week 1	Meet at the plaza/clock tower straight after lunch.	You should bring suitable PE kit for this. You will be able to get changed at the Elliot Road changing rooms.



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Please can I ask that the consent form that has previously been sent to you is completed otherwise they will not be able to attend. Links to the consent forms can be found below, or the paper consent form attached to the letter informing you which trip your child will be attending can be handed in to the office.

S1 consent form - <https://forms.office.com/e/T8gpB73r9d>

S2 consent form - <https://forms.office.com/e/nyZ2D2A7cP>

S3 consent form - <https://forms.office.com/e/MxGXeY4tx6>

We are really looking forward to supporting our S1-S3 young people in their various chosen activities.

Thank you for your support, as always.

Mr Kieran Haxton
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