



# Harris Academy | Parent / Carer Newsletter

Issue 11 | Term 3 | 22nd March

## Dates for your diary

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Monday 25th

HT Surgery

Thursday 28th

Term 3 ends



Monday 15th

Term 4 starts

Monday 22nd

SQA Exam leave starts

Monday 29th

HT Surgery



## Last day of term

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On our last day of term (Thursday) staff and young people are invited to wear their choice of clothes. In return, we ask that a donation to the Foodbank is brought in to school.





## School Improvement Priorities

- We are beginning to focus on our improvement planning process for next academic session. Your views would be greatly appreciated. Please click on the link above and complete a short feedback form. This will help inform our next steps.

Microsoft Forms

## Easter School

- Easter School will be running over the course of the above dates and times. If you did not get the opportunity to sign up it is not too late, from Tuesday 26th March onwards can you please see the teacher who will be taking the session on the timetable.

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 9:00am - 11:00am	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 9:00am - 11:00am	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 9:00am - 11:00am	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 9:00am - 11:00am	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 9:00am - 11:00am	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 9:00am - 11:00am
Mr Brady Higher, Adv English	Mr Brady Higher, Adv English	Mr Down Computing	Ms Black NAT 5 Maths	Mrs McAlister Higher PE	Ms Matthew Higher Human Biology
Ms Lisa Beal NAT 5 Maths	Mr Roy NAT 5 Maths	Ms Reid Higher Admin	Mr Roy NAT 5 Maths	Mrs Hignall NAT 5 Maths/Applications Maths	Mr New Higher Maths
Mr Roy NAT 5 Maths	Mr New NAT 5 Maths		Ms Cairns Art & Design NAT 5	Mrs Black NAT 5 Maths	Mr Anderson Adv Higher Physics
Ms Harris Higher History	Ms Quirk Higher Geog NAT 5 Geog		Mr Anderson Nat 5 Physics	Ms Harris Nat 5 History	
Ms Anderson Higher Accounting	Ms Reid NAT 5 Admin				
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 11:30am - 1:30pm	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 11:30am - 1:30pm	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 11:30am - 1:30pm	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 11:30am - 1:30pm	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 11:30am - 1:30pm	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 11:30am - 1:30pm
Mr New Higher Maths	Ms Anoop Higher RMPs	Ms McCormack Higher Photography	Mr Brady Higher/Adv Higher	Mrs Little Higher Maths	Ms Little NAT 5 Maths
Mrs Irvine NAT 5 English	Ms Milne NAT 5/Higher NET	Ms Bullock HD Business IT	Mrs Lee NAT 5 RMPs	Mr Brady NAT 5 English	Mr New NAT 5 Maths
Mr Brady NAT 5 English	Mr Abbott NAT 5 Graphic Communication	Ms Hour Higher Business		Mrs Hignall NAT 5 Maths/Applications of Maths	Mr Brady Higher Adv Higher English
Ms Allan Higher/Advanced Higher Art	Mr Anderson Higher Physics				
Mrs McCormack Higher NAT 5 Engineering Science					
Mr Brady NAT 5 English					

Padlet Drive

Easter\_School\_Timetable.docx

## Pyjama Party

↩ There is still time to buy a ticket via parent pay. Tickets cannot be purchased on the night.

Included in the ticket prices is juice, snacks, raffles, quizzes and games.

Please wear cosy pyjamas - full length



## Dundee Schools' Dance Festival

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↩ **We have 33 young people who have been committing to over 3 hours each after school week and up to 7 hours including lunch times closer to the dance competition. The teamwork, commitment, and hard work they display is incredible!**

Louise Ironside has done a fantastic job leading our team this year. Louise who is a 5th year pupil has dedicated countless hours as well as preparing for her higher qualifications.

Young people comments:

Velocity 2023/2024 has been an incredible journey and experience for Harris Academy. We are very grateful for this dance team and the main dance coach Louise Ironside who choreographed all of the dances that we performed and competed with this year.

We all enjoy doing velocity because we all have passion for dancing, and it makes us feel confident and gives us the chance to be who we truly are.





↩ **Velocity Dance Team 2024.**

We are extremely proud of our dance team who performed at the Dundee Schools Dance Competition. We had amazing results:  
1st Open  
2nd Contemp  
2nd Street  
Star Performer: Ailsa



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**Sportathon**

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## SQA Study Leave Dates

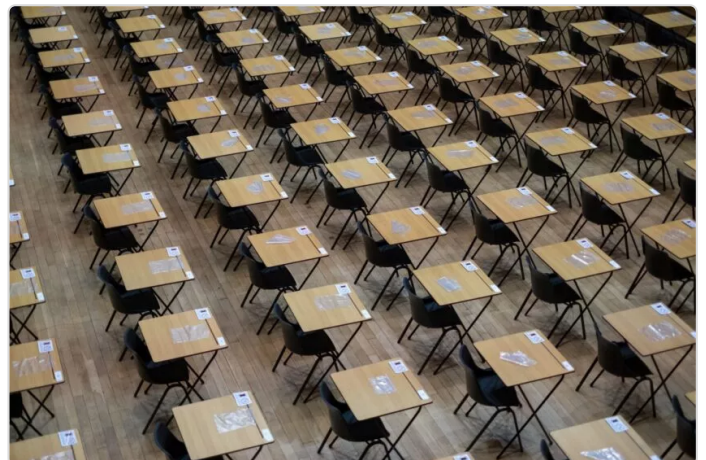
### ↩ Monday 22nd April to Friday 24th May

To support young people preparing for their SQA exams, study leave will be granted for any young person who is entered for at least one National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher Course.

Study leave runs from **Monday 22nd April to Friday 24th May** inclusive.

The school library will be open for young people who wish to make use of this facility to support their preparation for their examinations.

All young people who come into school to sit an examination or make use of study facilities are expected to wear school uniform. Young people making use of study facilities must also remember to sign in and sign out at the school office.



## Pupil Support

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### ⇒ Updating our Anti-bullying policy / procedures

Dear Parent/Carer,

We invite you to respond to the following survey relating to the update of our Anti-bullying policy at Harris Academy:-

<https://forms.office.com/e/kRz84Z9c4x>

As part of this process, during Anti-bullying week, in November 2023, we surveyed our young people, encouraging them to be actively involved in the development of the policy. As we continue to the next stages of this update, we are asking our parents/carers to provide us with suggestions and feedback that will be analysed and considered prior to moving into the next phase of this process. We are confident that your input will help us to ensure that we are effective in our response to bullying issues, providing the correct support for those experiencing and displaying concerning behaviours.

As part of the survey, we are inviting parent/carers to be part of a short life working group, with school staff and pupils, in the update of our Anti-bullying policy document.

Thanking you in advance for your participation. **The survey will close at 2.50pm on Thursday 28th March 2024.**

Kris Mordente  
Acting PT Guidance  
Harris Academy



## School Library

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### ⇒ New School Library System

Dear Parent/Carer,

We will be introducing a new school library system in Harris Academy during this term, called Accessit. Accessit is a web-based system which pupils can access from any internet-enabled device, with an app for mobile phones also being available. Accessit will be used to encourage and promote reading for enjoyment across all year groups, as well as providing a platform for different year groups for learning resource links. Accessit has engaging screens which will be developed for literacy events throughout the school year.

Pupils will be able to search the library catalogue, reserve books, renew books, add book reviews, and access an eBook platform. Pupils will receive login details, during this term, to allow them to access their own account.

Parental permission for S1 pupils is required before pupil profiles can be added to the system. This will only include their name, year group and class.



If you do not want your son/daughter to have a profile on Accessit, and use it as a guest instead of having a login, please email to the Harris Academy mailbox: [harrisacademy@dundeeschools.scot](mailto:harrisacademy@dundeeschools.scot)

Kind regards  
Mrs Elaine Hunter  
Learning Resource Centre Coordinator

## World of Work

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### ↔ World of Work at Dundee Science Centre

The feedback from our young people who attended and Dundee Science Centre is excellent.

Thank you to Mr Clements, Mr Flood and Mark Fleming for ensuring we had this opportunity.



Dundee Pupils Discover the World of Work | Dundee and Angus Chamber

