



Dear Parent / Carer,



NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER



We are linking up again with Dundee Foodbank.

We support this cause every Autumn term and we are always astounded by the generosity of our school community.



Can pupils please (if they are able to) bring in a donation to support the work of the foodbank.

THE FOODBANK ARE IN URGENT NEED OF:

- TINNED MEAT
- COFFEE, INSTANT
- NAPPIES, SIZE 6 & 7
- DILUTING JUICE
- DRIED PASTA/RICE MEALS
- TINNED FRUIT
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- TOILETRIES
- LONG-LIFE MILK



WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF:

- BEANS
- SOUP
- BABY FOOD
- FEMALE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- PET FOOD
- PASTA
- JARS OF PASTA SAUCE



House Door Entries

From the start of next term, the house entry doors will be:

Birnam – Maths entrance

Cawdor – Plaza entrance

Forres – Main entrance

Kinloch – Art entrance





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

S2 PARENT / CARER CONTACT EVENING

Tuesday 4th October

HARRIS ACADEMY ALUMNI EVENT

Thursday 6th October

END OF TERM

Friday 7th October

START OF TERM 2

Monday 24th October

S1 PHOTOGRAPHS

Friday 28th October

UCAS Application Deadline

As a reminder to all parents / carers,

UCAS applications for **Dentistry, Veterinary, Medicine** are due to be handed in prior to the October holidays. The school date is the 6th October. This allows time for an academic reference to be written. It is important that this date is adhered to, as the school will be closed for the October holidays and late applications for the above courses will not be accepted.

For **all other UCAS applicants** your Personal Statement must be given to your Guidance Teacher by Friday 28th October. Those applying for **Art and the Conservatoire** must check their dates re: folio submission etc so that they apply on time.

If you have any questions, please check the UCAS website and/or ask your own Guidance Teacher.

Technical Department Staffing

At the end of this term, our current Principal Teacher, Mr Chris Dickson retires. We all wish Mr Dickson a long and happy retirement.

Miss Nicole Crosbie will replace Mr Dickson as acting Principal Teacher.

Unfortunately, two other colleagues also leave the department to take up posts in other schools which will leave the department short staffed. We have advertised for replacement teachers and I will keep you up to date with the recruitment process and any temporary changes to delivery of Technical during this staff shortage.





Harris Pledge

We are excited to share with you **The Harris Pledge**.

Experiences
Every young person will have the opportunity to experience an outdoor learning event and attend a club that interests them.

Career
Every young person will receive support to reach their career goals and will have an enriched career experience.

The Harris Pledge
ensuring opportunities for all to support their ambitions and to compliment their academic attainment

Leadership
Every young person will have the opportunity to experience a leadership role.

Volunteering
Every young person will have the opportunity to experience volunteering.

We hope you share our vision and agree that this is a fantastic initiative for our young people.

As part of The Harris Pledge, we have been working on improving our Wider Achievement opportunities in the school. A big part of this being the increase in the numbers of groups/clubs we offer based on what the young people are interested in.

During week beginning the 31st of October, we will be hosting a Wider Achievement Fayre, advertising the groups/clubs on offer, and giving the young people a chance to find out more and sign up. We would appreciate your encouragement of your young person to get involved in some of the fantastic groups/clubs we have on offer.

Mr Kieran Haxton
Principal Teacher of Wider Achievement.

