Harris Academy | Parent / Carer Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

September

Thursday 14th

Senior Phase Report (1) issued

Thursday 21st September

Senior Phase Information Evening details to follow

Guidance Teacher Staffing Update

Guidance Teacher staffing update

Following competitive interviews last week, Miss Laura Anderson has been appointed to be the Acting Principal Teacher Guidance for the Bb/Bc half of Birnam House for the remainder of this academic session, whilst Mr Cunningham takes up post as Acting DHT at Baldragon Academy.

Given Miss Anderson was due to cover as PT Guidance on a Thursday and Friday in Kinloch House (Kb) when Mrs Gow moves to 3 days on phased retirement, Mr Callum Walls has been appointed to cover in Kinloch for the remainder of this academic session. Mr Walls will take up post on Thursday 5th October 2023.

We wish both members of staff well in their new posts.

DSMT – DUNDEE SCHOOLS MUSIC THEATRE – OPEN TO ALL S1-S6 PUPILS!

Is your child interested in acting, singing, dancing, musical theatre, making new friends and having lots of fun? Why not join Dundee School's Music Theatre? Rehearsals are on a Sunday afternoon and are free to all Dundee, Angus and Fife pupils.

DSMT have just performed Bugsy Malone (S1/2), Rock of Ages (S3/4) and Little Shop of Horror (S5/6) and are looking forward to performing 3 new musicals next June/August – S1/2 To be Confirmed, S3/4 – West Side Story and S5/6 Beautiful – The Carole King Musical.

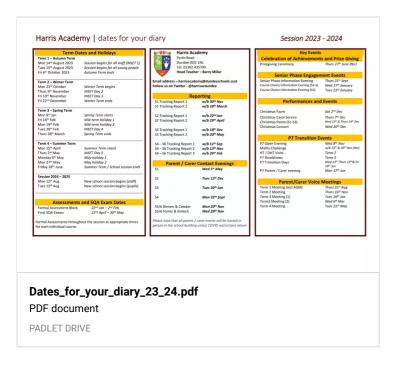
Sing your child up to receive more information: www.dundeecity.gov.uk/dsmt or ask them to speak to Mr Mordente/Mr Lesslie for more details!



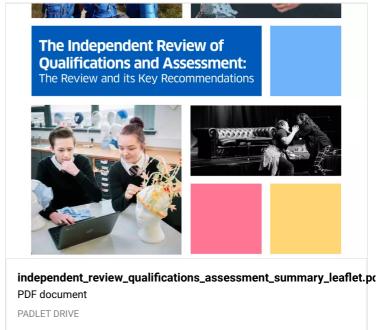
School Calendar

The following version of our calendar may be of use to all Parents / Carers

It can also be found on our school website.



The attached document is a helpful summary of the current proposals on the future of Senior Phase education in Scotland.



Car Parking / Good neighbours

In support of our neighbours, who have raised concerns directly to the school and to local Councillors, can I ask Parents / Carers to please turn off their engines when waiting to collect young people at the end of eth school day?

Thank you for your support with this.



Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment

Relationships for Learning

At the start of this term, we launched a new Relationship for Learning policy which focuses on the well-being of our school community, our shared expectations and the consequences that are a result of poor decisions. This is currently a 'soft launch' and there may be changes in the future based on pupil, parent/carer and staff feedback as it is important that we get this right for everyone.

As part of the new policy, if a young person gets to 'Step 5' of our stepped approach (we have attached the draft policy above), a text will be sent home informing you that your child has not followed the classroom expectations. There are three different text messages that may be sent by the classroom teacher which are noted below.

If your child has had a text message generated due to their behaviour, the school would ask for your support by discussing this with your child to prevent it from happening again.

Forename has had to be moved seat in subject today due to repeatedly not following the classroom expectations.

Forename has had to be moved classroom in subject today, due to repeatedly not following the classroom expectations.

Forename has had to be spoken to by the Principal Teacher of subject today due to repeatedly not following the classroom expectations.

