

# Harris Academy | Parent / Carer Newsletter

Issue 3 | Term 1 | 1st September

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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 Baldrigon 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.dundee.gov.uk/dsmt](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/dsmt) or ask them to speak to Mr Mordente/Mr Lesslie for more details!

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DUNDEE & ANGUS COLLEGE

are proud to present

DunDee  
Schools Music Theatre

In S1 - S6?  
Interested in all things musical theatre?  
Enjoy acting, singing and dancing?

**JOIN US!**

Free rehearsals run on Sundays  
at Gardyne Campus, Dundee & Angus College,  
Gardyne Road

Please visit the Dundee City Council website  
to register in advance: [www.dundee.gov.uk/dsmt](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/dsmt)  
For further details email: [dsmt@dundeescchools.scot](mailto:dsmt@dundeescchools.scot)

## 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.

Harris Academy | dates for your diary

Session 2023 - 2024

Term Dates and Holidays	Harris Academy	Key Events
<b>Term 1 - Autumn Term</b> Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 Session begins for all staff (INSET 1) Session begins for all young people Autumn Term ends	Harris Academy Perth Road Dundee DD2 1TL Tel: 01382 435100 Head Teacher - Barry Millar Email address - harriscademy@dundeeschools.scot Follow us on Twitter - @harriscadundee	<b>Celebration of Achievements and Prize Giving</b> Prizegiving Ceremony Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June (11c)
<b>Term 2 - Winter Term</b> Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> November Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> November Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> December Winter Term begins INSET Day 2 INSET Day 3 Winter Term ends	<b>Reporting</b> S1 Tracking Report 1 S1 Tracking Report 2 S2 Tracking Report 1 S2 Tracking Report 2 S3 Tracking Report 1 S3 Tracking Report 2 S4 - S6 Tracking Report 1 S4 - S6 Tracking Report 2 S4 - S6 Tracking Report 3	<b>Senior Phase Engagement Events</b> Senior Phase Information Evening Course Choice Information Evening (S1-S3) Course Choice Information Evening (S3)
<b>Term 3 - Spring Term</b> Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March Spring Term starts Spring Term ends Spring Term starts Mid-term holiday 1 Mid-term holiday 2 INSET Day 4 Spring Term ends	w/8 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/8 18 <sup>th</sup> March w/8 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan w/8 29 <sup>th</sup> April w/8 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec w/8 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Performances and Events</b> Christmas Fayre Christmas Carol Service Christmas Panto (S1-S3) Christmas Concert Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> & Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>Term 4 - Summer Term</b> Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June Summer Term starts Summer Term ends Summer Term / School session ends	w/8 11 <sup>th</sup> Sep w/8 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/8 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>P7 Transition Events</b> P7 Open Evening Maths Challenge HT / DHT Visits P7 Roadshows P7 Transition Days P7 Parent / Carer evening Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/8 1 <sup>st</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov (10c) Term 2 Term 3 Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Session 2024 - 2025</b> Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug New school session begins (staff) New school session begins (pupils)	<b>Parent / Carer Contact Evenings</b> S1 S2 S3 S4 S5/S6 Birren & Canlor S5/S6 Forbes & Kinloch Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Parent/Carer Voice Meetings</b> Term 1 Meeting (incl AGM) Term 2 Meeting Term 3 Meeting (1) Term 3 Meeting (2) Term 4 Meeting Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>Assessments and SQA Exam Dates</b> Formal Assessment Block Final SQA Exams Formal Assessments throughout the session at appropriate times for each individual course.	Please note that all parent / carer events will be hosted in person in the school building unless COVID restrictions return	

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

**The Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment:**  
 The Review and its Key Recommendations

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## 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 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.



Operational Guidance  
June 2023

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