

# Harris Academy | Parent / Carer Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary

### September

Monday 25th September

S4 Parent / Carer Evening

Tuesday 26th September

Head Teacher Surgery (moved to Tuesday due to Parent/Carer evening on Monday 25th) Moved to next week due to the strike action

Tuesday 26th - Thursday 28th (inclusive)

School closed due to strike action. Remote learning will be provided.



### October

Monday 2nd

HT Surgery (4.30 - 7pm)

Thursday 5th

Celebration of Sport Ceremony (details to follow)

Friday 6th

End of Term 1



## School Closures due to Strike Action

Earlier this week, the following letter was shared with all families, explaining that our school will close due to strike action.

**At the time of publishing, no further details are available for onward communication.**

Further updates will follow as soon as we have any.

I am writing to inform you that all Dundee City Council primary (including nursery classes), special and secondary schools will be closed to all pupils on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September due to industrial action as part of a national dispute over pay. Based on the current information available we will be able to open the following seven nurseries:

Hill View Nursery, Coldsides Nursery, Caird View Nursery, Woodlea Nursery, Wallacetown Nursery, Baluniefield Nursery, and Longhaugh Nursery.

The strike action in Dundee includes all Unison, GMB Scotland and Unite members working for Dundee City Council in schools, as well as Unite members in Tayside Contracts who provide services to the running and operation of schools and nurseries.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your children over the three days of action because of this announcement. I appreciate the disruption that this will cause to families.

Teachers will continue to work and remote learning will be provided for pupils. Paper learning packs will also be made available if needed. Families will be contacted directly by their school about home learning arrangements.

Arrangements are being made for free school meal payments to be made directly to qualifying households for the three days that schools are closed. You can also access sources of help and advice from Dundee City Council, our partners and external organisations related to the cost of living at <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/costofliving>.

All establishments will reopen as normal on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

If these arrangements change we will update parents and carers and share via nurseries and schools as soon as we can.

If you have any questions about the upcoming nursery and school closures, please contact your child's Head Teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



Paul Fleming  
Head of Service (Chief Education Officer)  
Children and Families Service



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## S4 Parent /Carer evening

### S4 Parent/Carer Evening

A reminder that our S4 Parent/Carer evening will be on Monday the 25th of September from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

This is an important evening and each five minute appointment provides you with an opportunity to speak with your young person's teachers about their progress.

The upcoming Parents Evenings will make use of our online booking system. This system has been introduced to make it easier for parents and carers to ensure that they are able to meet with their young person's teachers and speak with them at a time that is convenient for them.



## Maths Week Scotland

### Maths Week Scotland 25th September – 1st October

Maths is all around us. We use it in our daily lives when cooking tea, playing sport or deciding whether to go for that impulse purchase. It shapes our society in our voting systems and the way we use data. It underpins the art we view and the music we listen to.

Maths Week Scotland is a dedicated week of events and activities, with special events throughout the year. **Maths Week Scotland 2023** will take place **Monday 25 September - Sunday 1 October**, and the theme this year is **Maths in Motion**.

You can uncover the maths we take for granted in our lives, and see maths in a whole new light during Maths Week Scotland. Even if you haven't thought about maths since your last lesson at school, there is something for everyone.

Within the Harris Academy community, we'd like to raise awareness of maths and its importance in everyday life. Our young people will be taking part in competitions and activities throughout the week.

We would love to hear about how you use maths at work and at home. Please complete the Microsoft Form below so we can share your responses with our young people.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTz4M4Wj0KVQctawUZKvtPyQwpsipAmSCVsidC71dUOFJS SDROWIM2RIFQVEJYMFpZVjNIMDIWC4u>

There are a variety of Maths Week Scotland events across the country, aimed at families. For more information, please [click here](#).

## Supporting Learners

### Counselling Service

We are delighted to inform you that Lifelink have been awarded the contract to provide 21 hours of counselling support weekly to our young people across our Harris Academy cluster.

I am delighted to announce that Deborah Gillard will be our new school counsellor and will be with us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from week beginning 23rd October 2023. Deborah will have an initial visit to Harris on Thursday 5th October.

### Updated Child Protection Information

Please see our updated Child Protection information which is displayed around the school including in our main foyer.

Translated versions are being developed for display purposes in the main foyer.

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**Child Protection Matters**  
**Have a concern? Report it!**

**Mrs Taylor**  
CPO Birmingham  
Mrs Walker  
CPO Birmingham

**Mrs Mordente**  
CPO Cawdor House  
Mr Lussile  
CPO Cawdor House

**Mrs Nicolson**  
CPO Forres House  
Mr Clark  
CPO Forres House

**Mrs Gow**  
CPO Kinloch House

**Mr Millar**  
Head Teacher  
Mr Stewart  
Depute Head Teacher

If you have any concerns about a young person's welfare or believe they may be at risk, report the matter immediately to any Designated Child Protection Officers. In their absence alert Mr Millar, our Head Teacher, or Mr Stewart, Pupil Support Co-Ordinator. Follow the guidance of the Child Protection Officer in supporting the young person and co-operate with any subsequent actions by M.A.S.H. (Multi-Agency Support Hub).

Consider the well-being and safety of the young person.  
Remain calm; listen and reassure the young person.  
**Do not agree to keep it a secret!**  
Do not interrogate but note what you observe, what you hear, what you are told. Be specific about your concerns.  
**Alert the CP Officer immediately.**

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## Senior Phase Information Evening

**Thank you to all parents / carers and young people for their attendance at last night's event. Also a huge thank you to all staff members and partners for coming along to support the evening.**

For those families who were unable to attend, a copy of our presentation can be found above.

## Christmas Fayre

### Harris Academy Christmas Fayre Saturday 2nd December, 10am - 12pm

After the success of last year's Christmas Fayre, we plan to hold the above event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (10am - 12.30pm)

Each stall will come with a £10 fee and a request of a raffle prize (to the value of £10). All monies raised by the school will go to our Christmas Charities Appeal.

If you would like to reserve one of our spaces, please click on the link below. As was the case last year, tables and chairs will be provided.

<https://forms.office.com/e/PfXRvF5YLZ>

**Senior Phase Information Evening**

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**Senior Phase Evening 2022 v2**  
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### Personal Statement

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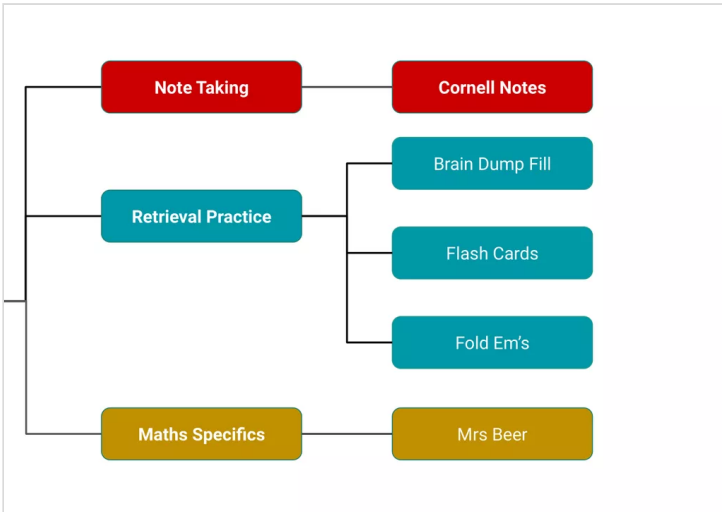
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## Study Skills Presentation

Please see the attached document which contains the study skills presentation from our Senior Phase Information Evening.

There are active links for using flashcards effectively and taking Cornell notes.

Mr Beattie



#### Research\_Informed\_Study\_Skills\_2023.pdf

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## Wider Experiences

Please find attached a list of wider experiences offered every week for your young people.

We are still in the process of collating the information from the survey sent out earlier this term. Once we know what other opportunities our young people would like, we will aim to offer them in school.



### The Harris Pledge: Experiences

Monday			
Careers Drop-in	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	3206 (Careers Office)
Junior Singing Group & Silver Leng Medal	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	1308 (Music)
Mindful Colouring In Club	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	4102 (RMPS)
Art Club	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	1411 (Art)
Homework Club	S1-S3	After School	2109 (English)
Rugby	S1-S6	After School	Elliot Road
Netball	S1-S6	After School	Games Hall

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## Wider Achievement Fayre

Our Wider Achievement Fayre has been postponed to Wednesday the 4th of October due to strike action.

More information will follow soon.

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