

Harris Academy | Parent / Carer Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

Session 2023 - 2024

August 2023

- o 28th - Head Teacher's Surgery
- o 31st - Parent / Carer Voice (Council) AGM and meeting

September

Thursday 14th

Senior Phase Report (1) issued

Head Teacher Surgery

My first HT Surgery of the session takes place this Monday (28th) from 4.30 - 7pm.

The purpose of this monthly surgery is to offer the chance for parents / carers to come in to school and discuss any queries or issues they may have.

The Surgery runs from 4.30 - 7pm and no appointment is needed.

Parent / Carer Voice

AGM and First Meeting of the Session

Thursday 31st August | 6.30pm | School Staff Room

Murray McLeod, our Parent/Carer Voice Chairperson, invites all parents / carers to come along to our first meeting of the school session.

This is an opportunity to hear first hand about current developments in our school and a direct opportunity for you to feed in to our ongoing desire to be the best school we can be for all of our young people.



The Harris Pledge

The Harris Pledge: Experiences

Dear parent/carer,


As part of our Harris Pledge, we are dedicated to improving and expanding our offer of lunchtime and after school groups and clubs available for our young people. We are inviting responses to a survey, linked below, to find out what they would like to see on offer.

All S1 and S2 pupils will have the opportunity to complete this during computing science; all pupils in S3 or above have been sent the link on Satchel One. If your young person is in S1 or S2 and missed their computing science class this week, or if they are in S3 or above, can you please encourage them to complete the following survey?

<https://forms.office.com/e/ztgpnbkDm4>

Warmest regards,
Mr Kieran Haxton
PT Participation (Acting)

Microsoft Forms
Groups and Clubs at Harris Academy
2023/24
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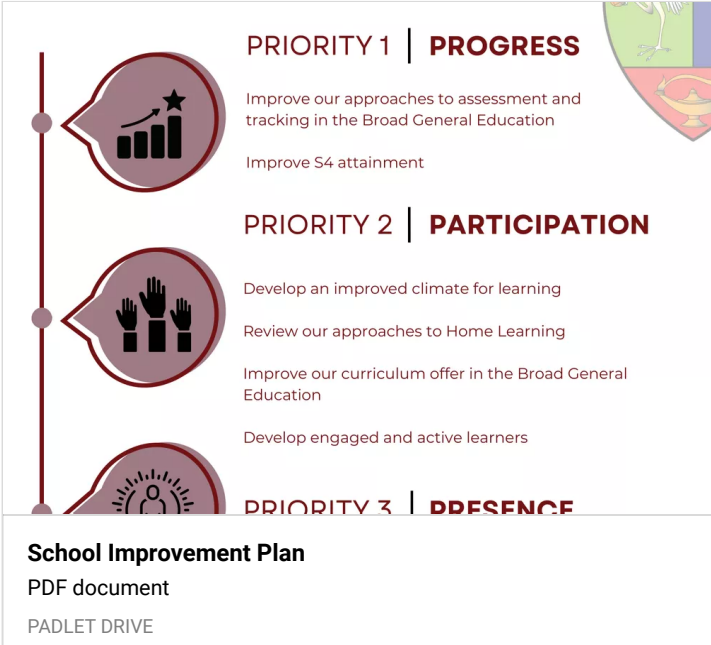
Supporting Our Learners

Attendance

A reminder that learning starts at Harris Academy at 8.45am every day. A warning bell sounds at 8.40am to alert young people to the fact that they should move towards their period 1

class to receive their welcome from their respective class teacher and be ready to maximise learning time. If a young person is to be absent as a result of a planned appointment please contact the school office by telephone (01382 435700) or e mail harrisacademy@dundeeschools.scot for the attention of the relevant Guidance Teacher.

As you will know improving Presence in our school via improved levels of attendance and lower latecoming rates are whole school priorities this session. Studies have shown that there is clear correlation between positive levels of attendance and high attainment levels for young people.



PRIORITY 1 | PROGRESS

- Improve our approaches to assessment and tracking in the Broad General Education
- Improve S4 attainment

PRIORITY 2 | PARTICIPATION

- Develop an improved climate for learning
- Review our approaches to Home Learning
- Improve our curriculum offer in the Broad General Education
- Develop engaged and active learners

PRIORITY 3 | PRESENCE

School Improvement Plan
PDF document
PADLET DRIVE

Some interesting facts from attendance studies which may be of help as we begin a new academic year:

- A student with 95% attendance – from August to June will have missed approximately 60 learning episodes
- A student with 90% attendance equates to half a day off per week, 19 days off per year and 247 days off over a school career – which is equivalent to over one academic year of lost learning
- A student with 85% attendance across an academic year (August to June) will have missed approximately 250 learning episodes

Internationalists

Huge congratulations to Team Kinloch pupils Jenna and Alicia Dailly who won gold medals in the World Karate Championships during the summer. Very proud girls. Terrific achievement. International ties on the way.