

Harris Staff Matter(s)

2nd October

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The Week Ahead

Week beginning 2nd October

Tuesday 3rd October

- Department Meetings

Wednesday 4th October

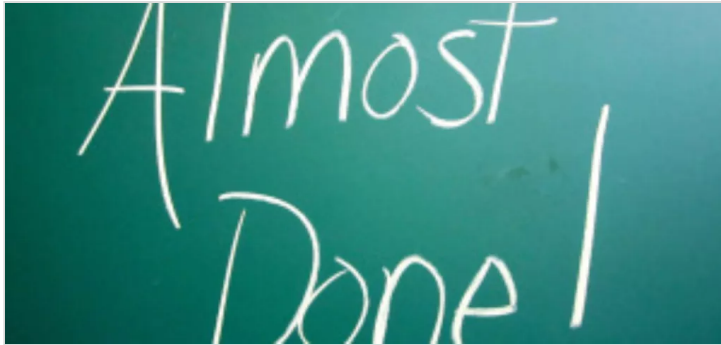
- Staff Consultative Committee meeting (3.50pm in the library)

Thursday 5th

- Harris Sports Awards

Friday 6th

- End of Term1
- Deadline for SQA AAR referral forms



Week beginning 23rd October

Week beginning

- S1 Photographs
- YPI (S2) Launch
- Discovery International Film Festival

Monday 23rd October

- Winter Term Starts
- Senior Phase reports (2) - Teacher start date

Tuesday 24th

- Department meetings

Wednesday 25th

- S1 Information Sharing session (Birnam / Cawdor)

Thursday 26th

- S1 Information Sharing session (Forres / Kinloch)

Staffing - planning for next session

As noted earlier this week

As part of the Children & Families Services workforce planning and in preparation for the Annual Staffing Exercise and audits for session 24/25, we are seeking initial notes of intentions if considering retirement (phased or full), a flexible working request or a career break by Friday 17th November. This will allow Head Teachers to plan ahead for staffing, class configurations and timetabling processes with as much information as early as possible. This will also allow for SPPA to produce projected financial figures for applicants timeously. Any notes of intention are not taken as final decisions, the normal application and approval processes will take place as agreed in DNCT circulars.

Link to Parent / Carer Newsletter

The following link will take you to our weekly parent/carers newsletter, should you wish to take a look.

Harris Academy | Parent / Carer Newsletter

Issue 7 | Term 1 | 29th September

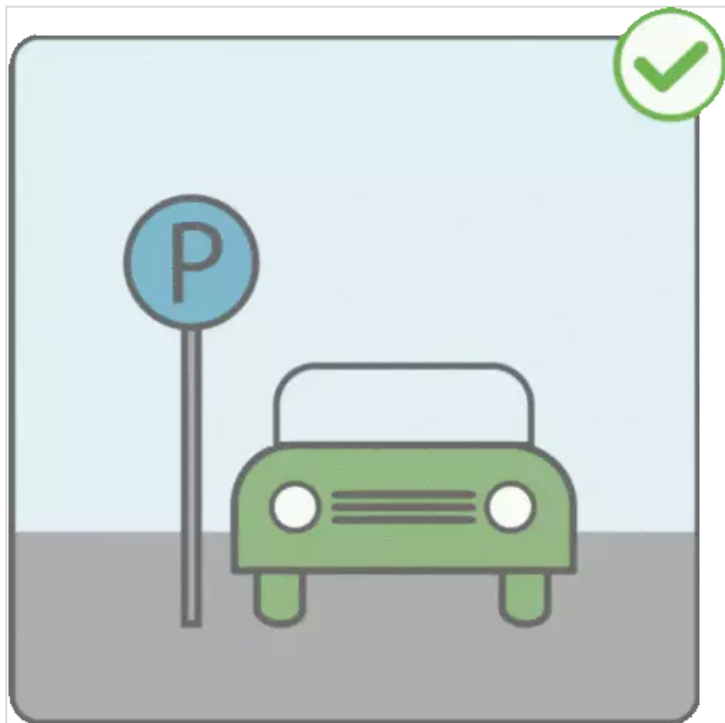
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Car Parking

All going to plan, our car park will be fully re-instated by the November INSET days.

With this in mind, the current allocated car park passes will continue until that time.



S4 Parent/Carer Evening

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Many thanks to all staff who attended our S4 Parent/Carer evening on Monday evening. Discussions that I had with parents on the evening were positive.

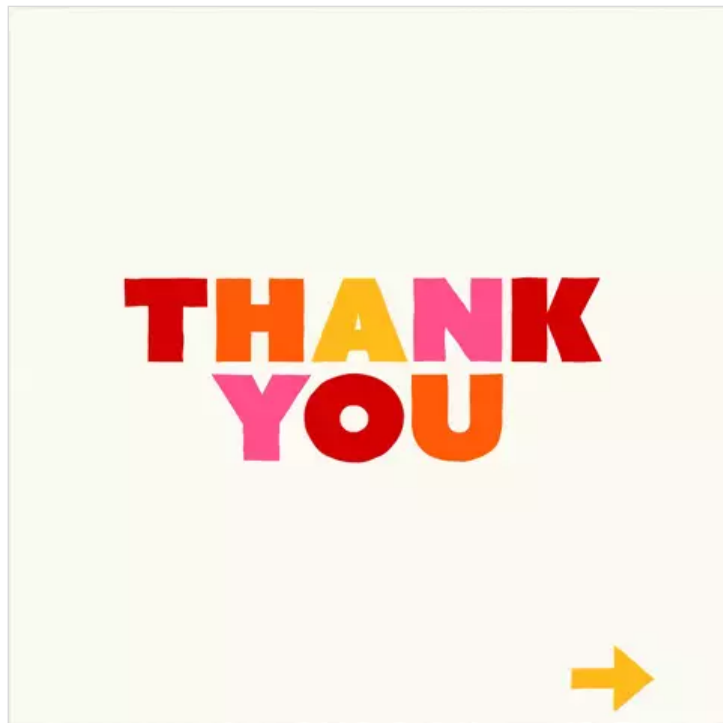
92% of the parents and carers who made appointments attended on the evening.

In total 65% of the year group made parent evening appointments on the night, the list of pupils without appointments will be shared with Principal Teachers for further discussion with departments.

Thanks again, Tim.

Thank you - J Carroll

Due to reduced staffing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, I would like to pass on my thanks to all staff for their patience and support. It has been greatly appreciated.



Staff Consultative Committee

The first meeting of this committee will be Wednesday 4th October at 3.50pm in the library.

I (Barry) will Chair the first meeting but am still every keen for a colleague to volunteer to be the Chair.

This meeting will focus on what we hope to achieve from the group and focus on any other areas that colleagues would like to discuss.

I would imagine this would be a short initial meeting and would encourage as many people as possible to attend.



Celebration of Sport Event

Celebration of sport Thursday 5th October 6.30pm

You have been invited to come to school to help us celebrate our sporting achievements.

The evening consists of a Q & A session with some of our high

achievers, listening to an Ex GB Hockey-player and an Ex Football player/coach/manager describe their love of sport and the impact it has had on their career and life choices.

If you would like to come please email jdorward970@dundeeschools.scot



Extension corridor

The flooring works will now not be completed until middle of next week

Information has been added to the daily sheet for young people.

Non-uniform day

Our first non-uniform day of this session is on Friday the 6th of October, please bring a donation for the Dundee Foodbank.

The Foodbank have asked for items such as:

- o Pasta Sauce
- o Tinned tomatoes
- o Baked Beans
- o Wet Dog Food (Tinned or Pouches)
- o Tinned Fruit

Donations will be collected at the House doors or the new HE Classroom.

The Charity Committee



Wider Achievement Fayre

Wednesday the 4th of October

As mentioned in previous communication, our wider achievement fayre will take place this coming Wednesday. The attached document contains more information regarding this, including which pupils are involved in running stalls and which house should attend when (this is also on the daily sheet).

Thanks for all your support with this,
Kieran

Wider Achievement Fayre

All S1-S3 pupils will attend the wider achievement fayre on Wednesday the 4th of October in the dining centre at the following times:

- 14:20-14:35 - Birnam
- 14:35-14:50 - Forres
- 15:10-15:25 - Cawdor
- 15:25-15:40 - Kinloch

Come along to find out about all the fantastic groups and clubs on offer at lunchtimes and after school. You should register with your class first. There will be an opportunity to sign up to the clubs.

Anyone who is running a stall, should go to the dining centre at their allotted time.

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Christmas Fayre

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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 2nd December (10am – 12.30pm)

Each stall will come with a request of a raffle prize (to the value of £10). (Members of the public have also been asked for a £10 stall fee). 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>



- o The **focus of this walk** will be on **Climate for Learning** with an acute focus on our **new RfL policy**
- o The visit is informal, in that there will be no paper/pens/note taking in classrooms
- o Each classroom visit will last around 3 to 5 mins
- o SLT will use the Learning Walk to discuss areas of good practice specific to the agreed focus, which will then be shared with the wider school body
- o The Feedback to staff will be holistic and not to individual teachers
- o A twenty minute twilight session will be offered for those who want to discuss the good practice in more depth

Any questions or queries please just ask.

Tim

SLT Learning Walks

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SLT Learning Walks

On Tuesday the **3rd of October** the SLT plan to do a learning walk across the school. A learning walk is a short visit into the classroom, that allows those visiting to observe and reflect on the pupil learning that is taking place.

The bullet points below should give an idea of what this learning walk will entail;

- o Each member of SLT will visit one area of the school, during one period of the school day. (e.g T Beattie – Level 3 – Period 4)

