



# Harris Academy | Parent / Carer Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary

- ↻ Friday 16th and Monday 19th February  
Midterm Holiday
- ↻ Tuesday 20th February  
In-service Day - school closed to all young people
- ↻ Monday 26th February  
Head Teacher Surgery



## Long weekend - reminder

- ↻ **As a reminder, school is closed to all young people for our mid-term long weekend on Friday (16th), returning on Wednesday (21st).**



## Pupil Support

### ↻ Punctuality is important

Huge thanks to all of our young people who arrive on time for learning every day.

Unfortunately we have seen a rise in young people arriving late for school over the past few weeks. From Monday 29th January - Thursday 1st February (dates inclusive) we had 109 young people arrive after 8.50am (5 minutes late) and before 9.30am (45 minutes late) - some on two or three occasions.



The infographic above outlines the negative effect poor punctuality can have on a young person in relation to lost learning.

Please support us by ensuring your young person arrives on time to start learning at 8.45am.

⇒ **Pupil Support**

The link between high levels of attendance at school and high levels of pupil attainment is clear.

Our collective attendance (S1-S6) is sitting below 90% at 88%. This causes us concern as we attempt to support all of our young people to achieve success in their learning in the BGE and Senior Phase.

The support of parents / carers is crucial in ensuring that young people attend school regularly. The infographic above details the volume of learning missed as attendance levels decrease.



**Cost of the School Day: Support for Families**

⇒ If you are on a low income and have children at school you may be entitled to financial support. This leaflet explains how to apply for a selection of grants and funding you may be able to access.



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**Lay members wanted**

↩ **Education Scotland (His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education) are looking for lay members**

**Lay member volunteering**

The Inspectorate of Education is actively recruiting members of the public to join our school inspection teams as lay members. Lay members make a positive and valuable contribution to improving Scottish education. They bring an important perspective to our work. Lay members help inspection teams to understand how well a school is doing from the perspective of parents, pupils and where appropriate, the wider community. Lay members play a valued role of an inspection team by engaging with parents, children and young people.

Lay members spend one day in the school and contribute to the overall work of a school inspection team, resulting in a published report for parents. The report identifies strengths and areas for improvement and helps schools to improve the experiences and achievements of children and young people. They are drawn from all walks of life. The inspectorate is looking for people from a variety of backgrounds, with different skills, experience and knowledge. Our lay member team benefits from a membership drawn from a range of life experiences.

If you are interested please visit [Current vacancies](#) | [About Education Scotland](#) | [Education Scotland](#)



Education Scotland

**Course Choice Information**

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and stimulate interest in computer science among young learners.

NPA Level 4/5/6	
Units	Design Media Assets Development
Assessment	To be awarded the National Progression in Games Development learners must pass all the required units. There is a balance of practical and written assessments. There is no external exam.
<b>Progression</b>	

Padlet ↩ National Progression Award (NPA) cover SCQF levels 4 to 6, allowing clear progression and employment routes to higher level education and employment. The qualification is structured at three levels in a hierarchy structure and learners may progress to the next

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