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Term 4 newsletter / issue 9

Dear Parent / Carer,

In the lead up to the final week of term, please see below some further updates:

Senior Reports

All S4 – S6 young people will receive a report on Wednesday which will note their Provisional Results for their courses studied.

Please note that these reports will be issued to parent/carer email addresses as well as all young people via their GLOW email address.

On receipt of the results, please feel free to raise any queries with school via the relevant House Team rather than individual teachers / departments.

Arrangements for the final day of term (Friday 25th June)

The school session finishes at 12pm on Friday 25th and our final morning of term will be a non-uniform day.

During that morning, young people will attend their timetabled classes except for House Assemblies that will take place in a socially distanced manner and outdoor in the South Playground (weather permitting).

This will offer the House Teams the opportunity to share some success and thank all our young people for their hard work, determination and support over the past session.

Timings of the House Assemblies are:

Birnam House	9am
Cawdor House	9.30am
Forres House	10am
Kinloch House	10.45am

From 11.30am, we will hold an Open Mic event as is now tradition. This year, the Open Mic will be held virtually with young people watching the performances from their own classrooms.

Further information on the Open Mic can be found below.

Harris Academy Open Mic

Harris Academy Open Mic is back!! On the last day of term (Friday 25th June) we plan to stream our infamous open mic via Teams. If you would like to take part, you should film yourself (audio and video) performing and email the video to ddsshort950@glow.sch.uk
All videos need to be received by the end of the school day on Thursday 24th June.

Lateral Flow Testing

In preparation for the summer break, young people can collect a stock of Lateral Flow Tests for the seven weeks of our holiday. These are available from the main office.

I would encourage all young people who are participating in the testing to leave enough test kits to use in the lead up to our return on Tuesday 17th August.

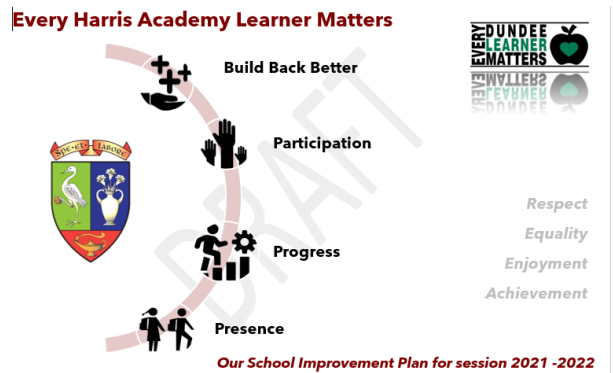
School Improvement Plan for next session

Our improvement plan is now in draft form and can be accessed by clicking on the following link

<http://harrisacademy.ea.dundee.sch.uk/sip-master-21-22-master-draft-out-to-staff.pdf>

If you have any suggestions related to our priorities, please do so by clicking on the Microsoft Form below

<https://forms.office.com/r/Su5PhZ83LW>



Current COVID cases

Like many schools throughout Dundee, we have seen a significant rise in the number of positive COVID cases, resulting in a significant number of young people and staff self-isolating.

Public Health have been in contact with me and are happy with our COVID mitigations which we have in place. Their advice to us all who work and study in the building is to:

- Wear a face covering properly (covering nose **and** mouth) in all areas of the school building
- Sanitise hands as often as possible
- Remain 2m apart wherever possible

To do all we can to limit the spread and to stop the need for people to self-isolate, I have asked all colleagues to be extra vigilant around the school in relation to the points above.

Arrangements for August

Current guidance from Scottish Government suggests that the same mitigations will be in place for our return to school in August. I plan to write to all families over the course of the last week of the holidays with a full update.

Arrangements for new S1 pupils on Tuesday 17th August

To support our new S1 pupils on their arrival with us for their first day as members of our Harris Academy family we have arranged the following:

1. All young people starting S1 should arrive for a **9.15am start**. Our S2-6 pupils will arrive for the normal 8.45am start. This will provide us with the opportunity to target our full support to our new S1 pupils, via a staggered start.
2. On arrival our new S1 pupils should report to the entrance doors noted below (this information was

covered during the transition visits):

Tayview PS pupils	Clock Tower entrance
Blackness PS pupils	Art entrance
Ancrum Rd PS pupils	Front entrance
Camperdown PS pupils	Maths entrance
Invergowrie PS	Clock Tower entrance
Victoria Park PS	Maths entrance
All non-cluster pupils	Front entrance

Prefects and staff, including members of the SLT, will be on hand to support at all entrances.

A more detailed letter will be sent to our new S1 families, via respective primary schools, at the start of next week.

House Championship and Prizegiving

The decision has been taken, due to the nature of the school year, to share the House Championship across all four Houses.

House points gained between August 2020 and January 2021 will be carried forward into next session's competition, ensuring that the hard work of the Houses before we entered lockdown, will not be in vein.

Our digital prizegiving will be available online during next term with all prize-winners being announced on our return in August. All leaving S6 winners will also be notified in advance of the ceremony.

Engage Dundee 2021 (Natalie Mackland, Communities Officer for Dundee City Council)

Engage Dundee 2021 is now live <http://dee.communitychoices.scot/> and will run until the end of June.

This is an engagement exercise which will inform our new Local Community Plans for 2022, future Participatory Budgeting Projects as well as other local initiatives within Dundee's communities.

I would urge you to complete the survey.

Regards,



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