

Harris Academy

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Term 4 newsletter / issue 6

Dear Parent / Carer,

With the long weekend nearly upon us, I offer you the following information:

Key dates

Monday 31st May

Victoria Day Holiday - School closed to all young people and staff.

Tuesday 1st June and Wednesday 2nd June

Additional INSET Days (to support SQA moderation) – school closed to all young people (except for a small group of senior phase pupils who will sit catch up assessments)

Thursday 3rd June

All S4 and S5 young people return to timetabled classes.

S6 year group arrive at 9.15 for their year group photograph.

Monday 7th June

All year groups change timetable and move up one year.

Parent Council meeting (6pm)

A message from Public Health to all Dundee Schools

Over the last week there has been a rise in the number of cases of COVID-19 in Dundee communities. We are strongly encouraging all families to take advantage of the testing facilities on offer across the city even if you do not have any symptoms. It is also very important as restrictions ease to continue to follow the guidance around social distancing, wearing a face covering and frequent handwashing. For more information about testing, including how to have tests delivered to your home, please visit www.taysidecares.co.uk.

Parent Council Invite

Our last Parent Council meeting of the year takes place on Monday 7th June at 6pm. This meeting will take place in the school dining centre with parents / carers having the ability to join in remotely if they would prefer.

This will also be our current Chair, Graham McKay's, last Parent Council after a considerable number of years of service to our school community.

We plan to lay on some light refreshments after the meeting. To help us with our planning, please complete a short survey by clicking on the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/n3ybhw7>

House Head of Cawdor House

I am delighted to announce that Miss Claire Meldrum has been appointed as acting DHT and will take over the responsibility as Head of Cawdor House.

This move is to allow Miss Chacko to step out of her House Head role to focus on the school's strategic response to COVID recovery. More information related to this will be communicated soon.

We are currently recruiting for Miss Meldrum's replacement and will communicate this with you as soon as possible.

Western Cemetery

Unfortunately, the school has received a number of complaints in relation to pupils being in the cemetery which is situated across the road from our building. This includes damage to public benches.

I seek your support in reminding your young person that the Cemetery is out of bounds to all Harris pupils before school starts, during school hours and at the end of the school day.

P7 – S1 Transition

As a result of changes to Scottish Government guidelines we will, much to our regret, no longer be able to host the two planned S1 Induction Days on 17/18 June.

We have, however, been given permission to host sessions at Harris Academy when our present S1-6 young people are not in the building and where we can keep class 'bubbles' intact. The sessions will last for 1.5 hours (4pm – 5.30pm) and will consist of a presentation and a tour of the building. No parents will be in attendance, only young people with confirmed places at Harris for session 2021-22.

Noted below is the planned programme agreed with our Cluster schools earlier this week. I am delighted to note that PKC have given permission for our Invergowrie PS pupils to participate. We are very much looking forward to having our new S1 pupils in our building and joining the Harris Academy family.

9 th June	Tayview PS (3)
10 th June	Camperdown PS (2), Invergowrie PS (1)
14 th June	Ancrum Rd PS (2), Victoria Park PS (1)
15 th June	Blackness PS (2)
17 th June	Non-feeder young people

Prefect application process

Next week, the House Teams will meet with our soon-to-be S6 pupils to communicate our Prefect application process. Current S5 should look out for information via the Daily Sheet and Twitter.



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