



19th March 2021

Term 3 newsletter – week no. 11

Dear Parent / Carer,

At end of a very successful first week of our phased return of our young people, I can offer you the following information:

Easter School (S4 – S6 Pupils)

I am delighted to inform you that, despite the trying times my colleagues have faced, we have enough volunteers to run an Easter School.

Easter School will run from Monday 12th – Thursday 15th April with the details of the offer noted below:

Monday 12 th April 9am -11am	Monday 12 th April 11.30am – 1.30pm	Tuesday 13 th April 9am -11am	Tuesday 13 th April 11.30am – 1.30pm
Art and Design (N5)	Art and Design (N4&5)	General Study	General Study
Physics (N5 / H)	Art & Design (H & AH)	Geography (N5)	Env. Science (H)
Music Tech (N5 / H)	Music (N4/N5/ H)	Cyber Security (L4–L6)	Geography (H)
Computing (N5)	English (N5)	Modern Studies (N5)	Computing (H)
Maths (N5)	RMPS (N5)		Modern Studies (N5)
English (N5)			
Wednesday 14 th April 9-11am	Wednesday 14 th April 11.30am – 1.30pm	Thursday 15 th April 9am -11am	Thursday 15 th April 11.30am – 1.30pm
Bus. Management(N5)	Bus. Management (H)	Admin & IT (N5)	Health&Food (N5 & H)
English (H)	English (N5)	Maths (N5)	English (H)
English (N5)	Maths (H)	Pract Cake Craft (N5)	Physics (N5 / H)
Design & Manufacture (N5 / H)	French (N4, N5, H, AH)	Fashion & Textile (N5)	English (N5)
	Spanish (N4,N5,H,AH)		Maths (H)

Young people are encouraged to sign up for Easter School as soon as possible and by next Friday (26th March) by completing the registration form noted below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/7Fza4A29Sx>

Our Easter school will follow Scottish Government Guidelines as they stand at that time. If physical distancing is still in effect, we will use our large teaching spaces to accommodate as many pupils as possible. **I am encouraging young people to sign up for Easter school but only if they are fully intent on attending.** This way, spaces, which will be at a premium, will only be taken by those who are committed to being there.

Places, which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, will be confirmed and communicated on Tuesday 30th March.

Reporting

In a change to our planned Reporting and Tracking Calendar we have taken the decision to postpone S3 Tracking Report 3. This decision has been made to allow your young person's teachers additional time delivering face to face learning before reporting on their progress.

Senior Phase Tracking Report 3 has been brought forward and reports will be issued, via email, on Thursday 1st April.

This decision has been taken to ensure that the parents and carers of all young people in the Senior Phase have access to both information that will allow them to form a clear picture of how their young person is progressing, and the information they need to know to help them play a key role in supporting their young person to achieve the very best in their upcoming assessments.

Our In-school Learning Timetable – Week 2

S4 to S6 pupils are to continue to follow the timetable issued last week.

S3 will continue to follow the rota below, all pupils remain in the same groupings, the days that the young people attend is different.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 2: 22/03/2021	Group 2 13:05-15:40	Group 1 13:05-15:40	Group 2 13:05-15:40	Group 1 13:05-14:45
Week 3: 29/03/2021	Group 1 13:05-15:40	Group 2 13:05-15:40	Group 1 13:05-15:40	Group 2 13:05-14:45

S1 and S2 pupils continue to follow the rota below, all pupils remain in the same groupings, the days that the young people attend is different.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 2: 22/03/2021	Group 2 13:05-15:40	Group 3 13:05-15:40	Group 1 13:05-15:40	Group 2 13:05-14:50
Week 3: 29/03/2021	Group 3 13:05-15:40	Group 1 13:05-15:40	Group 2 13:05-15:40	Group 3 13:05-14:50

Our planned approach to SQA assessments

Next week, we will publish our approach to SQA assessments which will start after the Easter break. In coming to our decision, we have consulted with staff, parents and young people. Our focus is ensuring young people have the opportunity to gather enough evidence to achieve the grade they are deserving of and, at the same time, plan to limit the burden of assessment on our young people.

When we write to you, we will also include details of an invite to a Parent/Carer and Young People Question and Answer session in relation to our plans for gathering assessment. The date and time of the session is:

Wednesday 31st March, 6pm via Zoom (details to follow).

Summary of Week 1 of our return

We are delighted to have welcomed our young people back into the building. Thank you for your continued support. Most of our young people came into the building prepared for their learning and made a conscious effort to follow the health and safety advice. **#TogetherWeAreHarris**

Harris Hub

Parents of young people who attend the Harris Hub and have Keyworker status will continue to be sent a weekly survey link to request an on-going space. This allows us to better plan the delivery of the Harris Hub and ensure that there is a minimal impact on our Blended Learning offer.

Young people who attend the Harris Hub will all have the opportunity to take part in physical education outdoors at Elliot Road at least once a week. We would advise all young people to bring suitable footwear with them each day.

Asymptomatic Testing - Now available to all S1 – S3 Pupils

The Scottish Government have announced that young people in S1 – S3 can now join S4 – S6 pupils in participating in Lateral Flow Testing.

An updated information letter, related to the above, can be found by clicking on the following link <http://harrisacademy.ea.dundee.sch.uk/aysmptomatic-testing-letter-s1-s6-version.pdf>

Young people (S1 – S6) who would like to join the programme can do so by going to the main office at the end of their timetabled time in school during this last week of term. **Testing does not need to start however, until Thursday 15th April** (in advance of our return from the Easter break **unless** the young person is attending Easter school).

With best wishes to you and your loved ones,



Barry Millar
Head Teacher