



**Harton Academy**

# NEWSLETTER

YOUR TERMLY UPDATE  
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# WELCOME



Best wishes

**Sir Ken Gibson**  
**Executive Head Teacher**

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**We are delighted to be able to resume production of our Harton Termly Newsletter. This publication will give parents, students, staff, Directors, Governors and members of the community an update on all aspects of school life.**

We have been doing everything we can to provide catch up provision for the students and hopefully, by the time they sit their examinations, they will feel very well prepared. The very important examination period commences two weeks after we return from the Easter break, making this free time an ideal opportunity for students to organise and commence a comprehensive revision schedule.

There will be extensive Easter and Whitsun revision sessions available to year 11 and year 13 students. Formal GCSE & GCE examinations commence in school on Monday 16th May until Monday 4th July 2022.

The last day of term, Friday 8th April, is a **Non-Uniform Day**. It will be normal school hours on Friday and students will be dismissed, as usual, at 3:15pm. All students and staff return to school after the Easter holiday on Monday 25th April.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to everyone for your tremendous support over the past two very challenging years.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter Break – stay safe and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school on **Monday 25th April 2022**.

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**The best  
preparation  
for tomorrow  
is doing your  
best today.** □□

- H Jackson Brown Jr.

## START OF EXAMINATION PERIOD

**GCE and GCSE Examinations:**  
**Monday 16 May** sees the start of the GCE and GCSE Examination period which lasts until **Friday 1 July**.

During the examination period, we expect students to behave in an acceptable fashion in line with school policy and examination board regulations. Here are a few examination related reminders:

- Students will be expected to attend examinations in full school

uniform.

- Students must arrive to scheduled examinations approximately 15 minutes before they are due to commence.
- Students are reminded that they must come prepared with all of the correct equipment needed for their examinations. The school only has a limited amount of spare stationery available and this is loaned out on a first come first served basis.
- For every examination, students will need (at the very least) a black pen!
- If your child is ill on the day of an examination, you must inform the school and obtain a medical

note from your GP to cover this absence.

- All missed examinations incur a charge of £45.

All students need to be available on the 29th June as this is the contingency day the exam boards have agreed upon for any exam which needs to be rearranged. If you have any queries regarding examinations, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Morton, our Examinations Officer, on extension 326.

***We would like to take this  
opportunity to wish all of  
our students every success  
in their forthcoming  
examinations!***



# EASTER REVISION SCHEDULE

## GCSE

Date	Morning Session (9:00 - 11:45)	Afternoon Session (12:30 - 3:15)
MON 11 APRIL	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
TUE 12 APRIL	MATHS	MATHS
WED 13 APRIL	ENGLISH	ENGLISH
THUR 14 APRIL	RE	DT TEXTILES
TUE 19 APRIL	GEOGRAPHY	GEOGRAPHY
WED 20 APRIL	MFL (FRENCH)	
THUR 21 APRIL	ART/DT	ART
FRI 22 APRIL	PHOTOGRAPHY/MEDIA STUDIES	PHOTOGRAPHY/MUSIC

## A LEVEL

Date	Morning Session (9:00 - 11:45) (15 minute break)	Afternoon Session (12:30 - 3:15) (15 minute break)
MON 11 APRIL	PSYCHOLOGY	
TUE 12 APRIL	LAW	
WED 13 APRIL	LAW/GEOGRAPHY	GEOGRAPHY
THUR 14 APRIL	DT	DT
TUE 19 APRIL	PHYSICS	MEDIA STUDIES
WED 20 APRIL		
THUR 21 APRIL	ECONOMICS/FRENCH	FRENCH/BIOLOGY
FRI 22 APRIL	MUSIC	MUSIC



## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

# British Science Week

To celebrate British Science Week, the Science department launched a variety of activities for students to get involved with, which included:

- A 'University Challenge' style Quiz
- Form Class Trivia
- A Bubble Workshop hosted by a local Bubbleologist
- A Science of Sweets Workshop
- A T-shirt Design Competition, and
- A 'Find the Facts' Quiz.

**Congratulations to the winners and to all participants; the enthusiasm of the students is what really made Science Week come to life!**





## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

# Harton Readers join the 'National Teen Book Club'

Students from Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 have recently been enjoying some fabulous opportunities with our involvement in the **National Teen Book Club**. More than a traditional book club, this is an opportunity to share a reading experience, hear directly from award-winning authors and for students to have their own writing published online.

Each week, students take part in a live online meeting. Meetings are engaging and lively, with the chance to speak directly to peers from across the country. Added to this, there are online forums to meet other students and share interests.

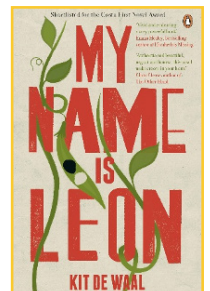
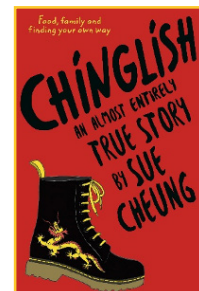
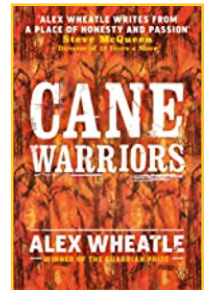
In addition, we have had the opportunity to meet with professional actors, writers, publishers, editors and many more people, from across various businesses, linked to reading, writing, arts and drama. During the final online meeting of each club course, students get to meet the author of the book that we have read together. The range of opportunities has been amazing and we have all learnt so much from so many successful

and interesting people.

Finally, our students have had the pleasure of seeing their own writing published online, which is a wonderful experience...and something to be very proud of!

**This club is open to all students from Year 7-11 and runs on Wednesdays after school. If any students are keen to join in, please pop and see Miss Charlton or Mrs Dawson.**

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/national-teen-book-club/>



# Year 7 Students



**Joe Roberts**

Kickboxer

## On course to be one of the Youngest Ever Black Belts at Kuei Ling Kickboxing Academy!!

Photographs of the Scottish Open Championships in which Joe claimed **Silver and Bronze medals** in different disciplines (points fighting and light conn). Joe needed to finish in the top three to gain qualification to the World Championships later this year. This competition was in late November last year.

In December last year, Joe had a busy month. Firstly he took his grading and obtained his **Brown Belt**, which is a senior grade, one more and then the black belt! This is a great achievement for an eleven year old boy and is well on course to be one of the youngest ever black belts at Kuei Ling Kickboxing Academy.



The other photographs are from last December when Joe had his first ring fight. He gained a victory in front of a packed out crowd of around 500 spectators. Joe was naturally nervous, but he controlled it well and never looked like losing on the day.

Joe doesn't just train four times a week, he is now a coach to the 4-7 year old 'little dragons'; is dedicated and committed to his chosen sport and always strives to better himself. Joe always looks forward to training, it's never a chore.

Joe has started playing football recently and is turning out to be a decent Goalkeeper. If he works as hard and is as committed to football, we are sure he'll do well in this also! Fantastic achievements Joe - well done!!



**Anna Rae**

Dancer



## Anna Rae - Championship Status Card Freestyle Dancer!

Anna went from 'first-timer' to **Freestyle Champion in just twelve weeks**, winning nine competitions - one after the other - which is extremely rare!

Anna works very hard and trains six days a week, along with regular competitions every weekend, travelling all over the country.

Anna attends Melanie Moore's Dance Academy in South Shields and what talent she has! Well done Anna!!



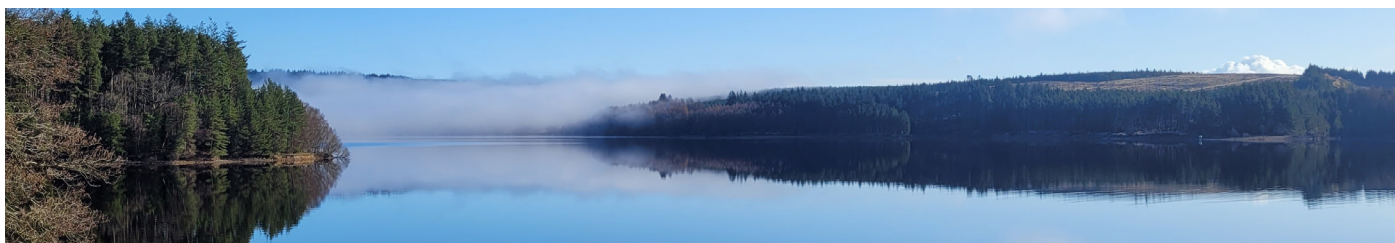
# Year 9 Students



Twenty eight Year 9 students spent the weekend in Kielder at the Hawkthirst Scouts Centre for an outward bounds experience. The weather was incredibly kind with stunning views across the Northumberland countryside and although it was cold, the students

had a wonderful and memorable time. They learnt many new skills including rock-climbing, abseiling and bushcraft skills which allowed the students to develop leadership, teamwork and problem-solving abilities in the outdoors.

All the students were complimented on their exceptional behaviour, politeness and respectful attitude by the centre staff and a great time was had by all - the only minor mishap involved a boy walking into a tree!





# Year 11 Students

## Three Students at Best of South Tyneside Awards

Three of our Year 11 students have been nominated, in different categories, for the Best of South Tyneside Awards and they have all been shortlisted as Finalists which is amazing!



**Charlotte Harwood**

Finalist in the Young Performer of The Year

**Charlotte Harwood - Finalist in the Young Performer of The Year** category - she will be performing for the guests before the winner is announced. The other three finalists in that category also perform, so essentially act as the entertainment.



**Kieran Harwood**

Finalist in the Sports Team of the Year

**Kieran Harwood - Finalist in the Sports Team of the Year** category - with his out of school football team.



**Eli-Jo House**

Finalist in the Fundraiser of the Year

**Eli-Jo House - Finalist in the Fundraiser of the Year** category - for her fundraising efforts for Crohn's Disease and Colitis - in memory of her dad.

Unfortunately the Awards Ceremony at the Roker Hotel was postponed due to the Omicron variant and surge before Christmas, but this has now been rescheduled and will take place on Thursday 28th April, when the winners will be announced. It is wonderful to see that our students are being recognised, within the community, for their dedication and hard work. Congratulations to all!



# 6th Form News

## Abbie Young - Year 12



One of our Year 12 students, Abbie Young, is on a fundraising mission to raise as much money as possible for The Anthony Nolan Charity. Abbie is an incredible, inspirational and very brave young lady. In school, she has delivered six year group assemblies to tell her story to all of our students.

Abbie was diagnosed with a rare blood disease called Severe Aplastic Anaemia in 2020, just as the first lockdown was unfolding. To save her life, she needed to find a donor on the Anthony Nolan Register who could provide her with a bone marrow transplant. Abbie was told that a donor had been found in Germany! Abbie spent four and half months in the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle, whilst she underwent several doses of chemotherapy, radiotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. During the treatment, she was confined to an isolation room, unable to leave.

In May 2020, she was given the news by the consultant that the first transplant had failed. She was devastated. Fortunately, Anthony Nolan provided yet another donor match and her second bone marrow transplant commenced in July 2020. Due to the complexity of the

disease, Abbie eventually required a stem cell top-up from her second donor in January 2021. Following the treatment, and hundreds of blood and platelet transfusions, her immune system eventually recovered and she rang the bell on leaving Ward 3 of the Royal Victoria Infirmary and went home to her family!

Abbie started Year 12 in September 2021 - a year behind schedule but is doing remarkably well studying three very demanding A Levels. Harton Academy will host a whole school fundraising day on Friday 8th April to help support Abbie in becoming an Ambassador for the Anthony Nolan Charity and to help raise as much money as possible as a 'Thank you' for saving Abbie's life.

If you would like to personally help Abbie in her mission, please visit the following page to donate:- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AbbieYoung4AN>



We are all incredibly proud of what Abbie has, and continues to achieve. She is a fantastic role model to her peers and younger students!



## Community Tea Dance

After this lovely event was cancelled for the past couple of years, we were all delighted to be able to host the Community Tea Dance, once again, in partnership with Age UK.

A number of 6th Form students and staff offered to help make this event possible and everyone that

attended enjoyed the hospitality and showed their impressive dancing skills. The students threw themselves into having a go at the dancing and showed themselves to be quick learners.

It was a lovely event and we are already looking forward to next year!



## Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Expedition

A group of 29 Year 12 students recently completed their Silver practice expedition in Northumberland. The weather was kind, in terms of the beautiful sunshine, but the nights were 'fresh' to say the least.

On day one the group camped near Budle Bay and then walked inland from north of Seahouses to Craster, and then on day two from Craster to Alnmouth. The students walked

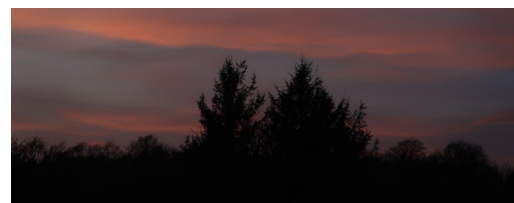
with full packs over 26 miles during the two days and it certainly tested them both physically and mentally. The qualifying expedition is coming up in May and we look forward to seeing all of our 'Silver' students complete this and hopefully consider taking on the challenge of Gold!!!

Well done to everyone involved and thanks to the staff who continue to give so generously of their time



to make this opportunity possible. It is great to see that another 40 students have recently signed up to start the Bronze Award in year 10 and 24 students for Silver in years 10 and 11.

**Attention all Year 9 Students:** We will soon be launching the DoE Bronze Award with our current Year 9 students, so be ready if you are in this year group!





## PASTORAL PAGES

### Back to School

We break up for the Easter holiday at 3:15pm on Friday 8th April, which is a **Non-Uniform** day.  
All students return to school on Monday 25th April.

## MEDICAL WELFARE

- It is important that you keep us up to date with any medical issues that are relevant to your child. This includes any new conditions, changes to current conditions or when a condition is no longer relevant to your child and should be removed from their records.
- This is especially important when it comes to allergies, so that we can put the correct procedures in place to safeguard your child, along with having accurate information regarding what action to take in the case of an emergency.
- Over the last few months, we have seen a growing number of students arriving at First Aid, during morning registration, who are not well enough to be in school. **Please do not send your child into school if they are genuinely unwell.**

Should you need to speak with one of our Medical Welfare team, you can do so by calling (0191) 427 4050 extension 206, or by emailing:  
[medical@hartonacademy.co.uk](mailto:medical@hartonacademy.co.uk)

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**GCE AND GCSE EXAMINATIONS** Monday 16 May sees the start of the GCE and GCSE Examination period, which lasts until 4 July 2022.

### SUMMER TERM HOLIDAYS

#### Easter Holidays

Monday 11 April to Friday 22 April 2022.

#### May Bank Holiday

Monday 2 May 2022.

#### Spring Half Term Holiday

Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022.

#### Summer Holidays

Break up Friday 22 July, students return to school Tuesday 6 September 2022.

### HOLIDAYS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR - 2022/2023

#### Friday 21 October 2022

Staff In-service Day (students do not attend school)

#### October Half Term 2022

Mon 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

#### Christmas Holiday 2022/23

Break up on Friday 23 December, students return to school Tuesday 10 January 2023

#### February Half Term 2023

Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2023

#### Easter Holiday 2023

From Monday 3 April, return to school Monday 17 April 2023

#### May Bank Holiday 2023

Monday 1 May 2023

#### May Half Term 2023

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

#### Summer Holiday 2023

Break up on Friday 21 July, students return to school Tuesday 5 September 2023.

Please refer to the school website for confirmed holiday dates for the full academic year 2023/24  
[www.hartonacademy.co.uk](http://www.hartonacademy.co.uk)



Teach North East

# Thinking about teaching?

We would be interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We are looking for people who have (or will have): a degree, a passion for teaching and a desire to inspire young people to fulfil their potential.

For more information visit:

[www.harttonacademy.co.uk](http://www.harttonacademy.co.uk)

Or email us at:

[teachnortheast@harttonacademy.co.uk](mailto:teachnortheast@harttonacademy.co.uk)



## Exceptional training during extraordinary times

A huge congratulations to our 2021-22 cohort of trainees who have successfully completed their second term of ITT training. Their efforts and dedication to their chosen profession during these unprecedented times has been second to none and very much appreciated at Harton Academy and our partner schools.

