



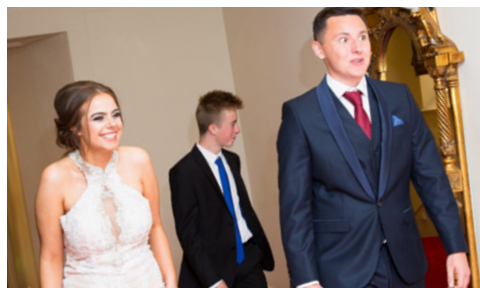
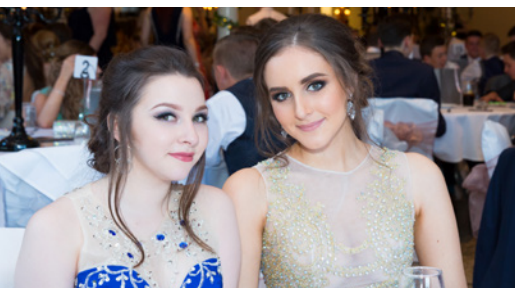

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WELCOME...

Welcome to the latest issue of Harton News, the termly newsletter for parents, students, staff, governors and members of the community.

The academic term leading up to the summer holidays, as always, has been very busy this year with a huge number of activities continuing to be a welcome feature of school life, together with lots of additional revision events in preparation for the very important examination periods, during the months of May and June.

We break up at 12:15pm on Wednesday 20th July and all students return to school after the summer holiday on Tuesday 6th September 2016. Please refer to our 'Pastoral'

page for further information relating to the start of the new academic year 2016/2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to everyone for their tremendous support which continues to make Harton the 'outstanding' school that it is. Good luck to all our students on their results day in August!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a fantastic summer break with your families and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday 6th September.

Best wishes
Sir Ken Gibson
Executive Head Teacher



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Sir Ken Awarded Honorary Doctorate of Education by Sunderland University

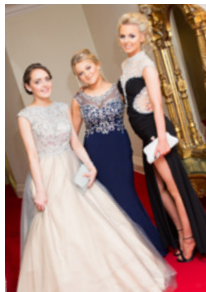
Huge congratulations to Sir Ken who was presented with an Honorary Doctorate in Education earlier this month for his services to Education. Sir Ken has worked in a number of local schools over recent years, most notably Jarrow School, Boldon School and more recently Academy 360 in Sunderland.



He received the Honorary Doctorate during the summer graduation ceremony at the Stadium of Light presented by University Chancellor, Steve Cram CBE, together with other graduates who received their degrees from the Education Department at Sunderland University.

Year 11 Prom

An amazing night was had by all at the Year 11 Prom which was held at Beamish Hall on Tuesday 5th July. The students all looked stunning! Everyone involved, from the Beamish staff to the DJ and the photographer, all commented on how mature and sensible the students were and how well they conducted themselves, despite all the excitement!



Year 13 Leavers' Ball

'A sweet end to a new beginning!' The Year 13 students were in high spirits after two years of hard work, commitment and dedication. The class of 2016 certainly celebrated in style at The Vermont Hotel, Newcastle, where they feasted on canapés and a three course dinner. The evening was a great success with many comical photo booth pictures, impromptu sing-alongs and a packed dance floor. Staff shared some words of wisdom with students which will hopefully stand them in good stead for their wonderful futures. **Best of luck 'Class of 2016'!**



School Direct Trainee Teachers

We would like to congratulate our School Direct trainee teachers who have all passed their year's training and are now embarking on a long and, I am sure, very successful career in teaching. It has been a pleasure to work with all seventeen trainees who were placed within a variety of secondary schools within our Teaching School partnership. The year has been exceptionally demanding, with the trainees balancing lesson planning, marking and assessment with Masters level assignments, and they have all acquitted themselves very well indeed! We are also pleased that three of them will be staying with us next year. Good luck everyone!



Harton Sports Day

We had another successful Sports Day on Wednesday 13th July. The weather was fine, with just one spell of rain. All of the pupils performed to the best of their ability and there were too many exceptional performances to print. The final results of the day were:

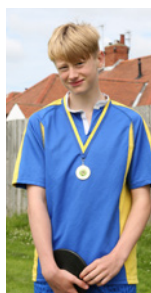
Year 7 - Kirwan

Year 8 - Fenwick

Year 9 - Kirwan

Year 10 - Lawreson

It was a close call for overall position, with only 7 points in it but **Kirwan** won the overall day.



STEM Day - 21 June (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics)

Miss Fletcher and Mr Smith accompanied students from the Year 8 Science Club to Newcastle University City Campus, where they were put into teams in order to undertake three practical applied science and technology-related challenges. These included robotics, vehicle building, E-FIT (using police facial recognition software) and construction. Marks were awarded for team work and planning as well as success at the final testing stage. Harton students were incredibly successful at the event;

- **Lucas Barrow** won the overall prize at the event and will now proceed to the final
- **Emily Stanton, Daniel Leask, Lauryn Wilkinson** and **Scarlett Davidson** won prizes and certificates for other categories. **A fantastic day with great achievements!**



Year 8 Spanish Trip



Our year 8 students have recently spent a week in Tossa de Mar with visits to Barcelona and Parc Aventura. We all had a wonderful time practising our Spanish when we went shopping, visited La Sagrada Familia, The Nou Camp, Parc Guell and other famous sights in the city. Luckily, we also had some time to explore Tossa de Mar and we enjoyed our boat cruise around the bay, a walk up to the ruins and fun and games on the beach. Everyone had a lovely little holiday and enjoyed the sunshine!

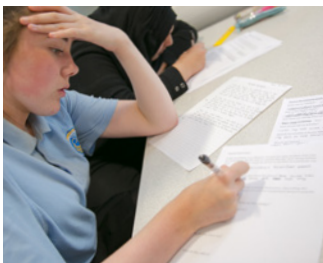


Year 9 Creative Writing Workshops

In the past term, students from 9s/En1 and 9f/En1 have been lucky enough to attend fortnightly creative writing workshops led by Carina Rodney - a successful playwright based in the North East. Students responded in an overwhelmingly positive manner to the sessions, during which they worked hard to create a distinctive character before writing a dramatic monologue from their character's perspective.



In the final session, a number of students were lucky enough to have their work performed by professional actors, Christina Dawson and James Hedley, from Janet Platter's acting agency - the largest acting agency in the North East. The performances took place in our Lecture Theatre and were an absolute pleasure to behold. The actors themselves were blown away by the quality and profundity of the work that the students produced. Special mention must go to Ethan Thoburn and Kyra Sims for produced monologues more than worthy of being performed on far bigger stages. Watch out for these names in the future!



Year 11/12 Students - European Youth Parliament Regional Event

In March this year, nine students from Year 11 (**Olivia Whale, Samantha Brownson, Lewis Appleton, Annalise Murray and Amy Curle**) and Year 12 (**Ella Pettitt, Jake Peacock, Gavin Coates and Jack Graham**) took part in the European Youth Parliament (EYP) Regional Event. The students were competing against schools from across the North-East in five debates on topics such as Terrorism, Refugees and Eurozone reform. They performed with distinction and pride against some very difficult competition. The students were not, however, selected to take part at the national event but are determined to re-enter the competition next year!

Election of Head Boy/ Head Girl for the New Academic Year

After a record number of applicants, a new Head Boy and Head Girl have been elected. Twelve students in total put themselves forward, working through interviews with staff and presentations to peers and younger students. Whilst only one student could be selected for each respective role, four other applicants were given the roles of deputies. They will all assume their positions fully in September but are already open to any suggestions for the betterment of the school. It is undoubtable that all candidates will serve to the best of their abilities, in whatever capacity they choose, fulfilling any promises made during their election campaigns. The results were as follows

- Ben Baxendale-Smith Head Boy
- Leoni Loughlin Head Girl
- Dean Stimpson Deputy Head Boy
- Sophie Weightman Deputy Head Girl
- Adam Ward Deputy Head Boy
- Hope Swan Deputy Head Girl



Huge congratulations to everyone who put themselves forward! It is evident that all candidates put in a great deal of effort and did both themselves and the school extremely proud. Well done and good luck in your new roles!

Update from 'Team Borneo'

"Hi Everyone,

We're having an amazing time! We started in Kuching and had some great Malaysian food, had our first trip in a river taxi and a wander around the shops and markets.

We took a boat trip to Bako National Park where we camped overnight after a trek through the forest and a night walk,

where we saw the nocturnal wildlife including flying lomas, spiders, snakes and wild pigs! The following day we spent with probiscus monkeys before returning to Kuching.

We are now entering the trekking phase after a cancelled flight and 7 hours waiting for a 15 minute flight from Miri to Limbang! Tomorrow we set off for Camp 5 before we conquer the Pinnicals on Sunday.

You know if you don't climb the mountain, you don't get the view.....!

Be in touch soon!

Team Borneo"



6th Form Enterprise Club

Keep an eye out for the Sixth Form Enterprise Club which will be hosting events throughout the year to raise money for the school and for you - our students. Past events have included raffles, tombolas and a variety of stalls at school events like the Christmas concert and Parents' Evenings. These events have gained a lot of interest in the past and we hope to continue this and get even more staff and students involved to enjoy them!



Tuesday 6 September - Students' First Day Back!

Year groups should attend for **Registration** at the following times:

Year 7

8.30am to a main hall welcome and assembly with the Head Teacher.

(Year 7 students will also have their photographs taken and have a tour of the school. There will be a staggered Year 7 lunch starting at 11.35am which will continue until the routine is established. In the afternoon, Year 7 students will report to their timetabled lessons.)

Years 8/9/10/11

9.55am for period 2 with form tutors.

(Years 8 - 11 should come into school for a 9.55am start. They will remain with form tutors until lunchtime. In the afternoon all main school year groups will be in their timetabled lessons.)

Year 9 photographs will be taken on Wednesday 7th September.

Year 12

9.00am to a lecture theatre welcome and induction day.

(Induction continues on Wednesday 7th September (9.00am) and lessons start Thursday 8th September.)

Year 13

10.00am - 12.00pm on Wednesday 7th September to collect timetables.

(Lessons start Thursday 8th September.)



Contact and Medical Information

A reminder that it is the responsibility of the parent to inform the school about details of any medical conditions that their child may have. This is particularly important in the case of long term medical issues. Also, if any of your contact details have changed (phone number, address etc) please let us know at any time via the school office.

Parents Reporting Medical Conditions

- We increasingly receive new medical information on 'Parental Consent Forms for Trips and Outings'. **Please do not wait to inform us via these forms.**
- Contact Ms Mizen on 0191 4274050 Ext 206 or by email on jmizen@harton-tc.co.uk to allow us to get medical information in place as soon as you receive the diagnosis.
- Usual information required to help us safeguard your child is the name of the condition and the name and dosage of any medication your child is taking.
- When we receive new information you will, in turn, receive a care plan for signature and return and our first aiders will be informed of the new information.



Important dates for your diary

GCE Examination Results - Thursday 18 August **9am**

GCSE Examination Results - Thursday 25 August **10am**

6th Form Enrolment - Thursday 25 August **11am**

(Immediately students are in receipt of their GCSE results, report to the 6th Form Reception to begin the enrolment process).

We break up for the Summer Holiday at 12:15pm on Wednesday 20 July 2016

Return to School on Tuesday 6 September 2016.

October Half Term Holiday

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2016

Christmas Holiday

Break up Friday 16 December 2016

Return to school on Tuesday 3 January 2017

February 2017 Half Term Holiday

Monday 20 February 2017 to Friday 24 February 2017

Easter Holiday

Monday 10 April 2017 to Friday 21 April 2017

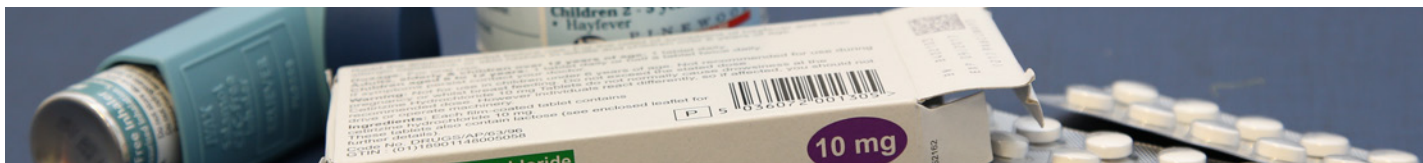
Bank Holiday Monday 1 May 2017

May 2017 Half Term Holiday

Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017

Summer Holiday 2017

Break up Friday 21 July 2017, return to school Tuesday 5 September 2017.



Medication in School

A reminder to all parents should your child have a medical condition that requires him/her to be medicated during school hours:-

- Medication **must** be brought to school by a Parent or Carer. Please note - **we cannot accept medication of any type directly from the student.**
- Parents/Carers are required to sign a Parental Agreement Form prior to the medication being administered to their child.
- We **are able to accept** medication, prescribed by

your GP, in the box that it was dispensed with the pharmacy label, child's name, dosage regime, date it was dispensed and the expiry date.

- Please Note: we are **unable to accept** shop-bought or over the counter medication.
- If your child is on a short course of antibiotics, three times a day, please note that it is acceptable to give your child a tablet in the morning, teatime (when they get home from school) and bedtime. In other words, such medication can be wholly administered at home.

Should you need to sign in medication, or for any further information, please contact Ms Mizen on extension 206.



Attendance

Parents are reminded of the Government Threshold for what is termed a 'Persistent Absentee'. This is now defined as any student with an attendance record of less than 90%. We encourage parents to keep a regular check on their child's attendance levels and, of course, if you have any concerns, our staff are available at any time for a consultation.



Lunchtime Arrangements

- Parents will be aware that our older students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 have the choice of remaining in school or taking lunch elsewhere. Some do remain on site but the vast majority do leave the school premises.
- The situation is different for our younger students in Years 7, 8 and 9. **With safety in mind, they should remain on the school premises for the whole lunch break.** Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have a choice of lunch, either a hot meal or to bring their own packed

lunch. The only exception to this rule should be that they go home for lunch, where they will be supervised by a parent or other responsible adult. In September, school will issue a letter to parents about this process, asking for verification of any request to leave the premises at lunchtime.

- We ask all parents to reinforce this message to their children and be aware of where they go for lunch.
- We operate a cashless system of paying for lunches. It is the responsibility of parents and students to ensure that there is enough money in the account to pay for the meal. The school will contact parents if accounts go into arrears.

Traffic at the School Gates

Once again, we would like to pass on our appreciation to all parents who have responded to our request to ease traffic congestion at the school gates before and after school. Each day, over 1600 children enter and leave the school site. We have all seen how congested the area around the school gates can become at around 8.30am and 3.15pm and this could not be managed without the co-operation of drivers.

At those key times, other than the school buses, we now allow entry into the school grounds only for vehicles transporting disabled children. We ask that all other parents pick up and drop off children at a point well away from the school gates to avoid the congestion, which is as much an inconvenience for drivers as pedestrians. Many thanks for your patience and understanding!

School Uniform Trousers

We are aware that some stores are advertising 'school uniform' trousers that do not match our uniform requirement. As a reminder, please note that:

- **Harton school trousers for both boys and girls should be traditional formal black dress trousers. Black denim, leggings or skin tight trousers that resemble jeans should not be worn to school.**

We ask that parents please check this carefully before purchase.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Rounders Results

Year 8 Rounders Team:

Year 7 Rounders 'B' Team: (4th in Area Tournament)

Year 7 Rounders A Team: (Runners-up in Area Tournament)

Year 9 Rounders Team:

Harton Dancers

Our excellent dance group performed at the Annual South Tyneside Schools' Dance Festival at the Customs House and were, once again, outstanding!

Netball

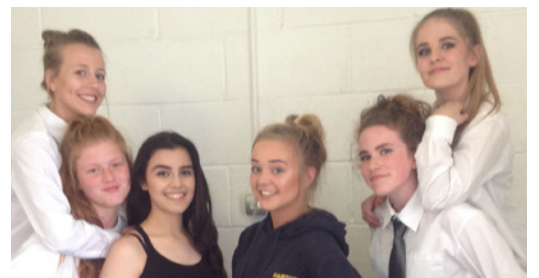
Netball League and Tournament

Year 7 won Area Tournament and were runners up in League, B team came 4th

Year 8 won Area Tournament and were runners up in League

Year 9 won both Tournament and League, B team came 4th

Senior Teams won League and were runners up in Tournament.



Harton Girls' U13 "Day of Rugby" @ Broughton Park RUFC, Manchester

After travelling to Manchester to take on teams from all over the UK, Harton achieved great success. The day was organised in pools of five teams meaning that we played four teams, twice. The girls managed to beat every team they played, only losing one game (out of eight) over the whole day. Harton competed against teams from Wales, Manchester, Parkside and Cottingham.

The only team to beat us was Cottingham, in the first round. Injuries meant that there could have been concerns, especially against a strong Cottingham team in the replay, yet every girl stepped up to convincingly beat their nemesis in the second round. A compelling partnership between **Olivia Lindsay** and **Georgia Pascoe** that remained strong on the wing from the second game of the day, facilitated try after try for the Harton team.

The Day of Rugby continued into the night as we travelled to the AJ Bell Stadium to watch the Mens' U20 Championship. We had the pleasure of watching a strong Wales team get beaten in the last minute after they received a second yellow card and the All Black's capitalised with a penalty. The final score was 18 - 17 to New Zealand. The second game we watched was England v Australia. Nerves were frayed after a try from the Wallabies in the opening minute and England were 6 - 13 down at half time.

A try from England made the game tighter and we were blessed with a second penalty in the seventy third minute to give us the lead. Final score 17 - 13 to England.

The rugby girls were commended on their behaviour throughout the two days and were a pleasure to have at the tournament; they represented Harton Technology College marvellously on all counts. Congratulations and well done girls!



Swimming pool open throughout the holidays (Monday 25 July - Wednesday 31 August)

- Casual swimmers and families welcome
- £2 per swimmer (pay when entering)
- All children under 8 must be accompanied in the water
- 8-15 year olds must be supervised from poolside

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9am - 12pm
Tuesday: 9am - 12pm
Wednesday: 9am - 12pm
Sunday: 10am - 1pm



South Tyneside Basketball Club / Newcastle Eagles Summer Fun Days

Tuesday the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August 3pm - 5pm

- STBC Coaches
- Skills, drills, games and fun
- For ages 8-16 years
- £3 per session
- Just turn up and play!



FREE Mixed Sports and Activities Week - Monday 22 August - Friday 26 August (Week 5 of the holidays)

- For ages 8-14 years
- 11am - 3pm daily
- Fun Sports and activities organised by the STC Sports Development Team to keep your children active and entertained
- Just turn up on any of the days, sign your child in and then enjoy the break!

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