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# WELCOME...

Welcome to the Christmas edition of Harton News, the termly newsletter for parents, students, staff, governors and members of the community. The academic term leading up to the Christmas 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 'festive' events!

We break up at 3:15pm on Thursday 21st December and all students return to school after the Christmas holiday on Monday 8th January 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to everyone

for your tremendous support which continues to make Harton the 'outstanding' school that it is.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a fantastic Christmas break with your families and I look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Monday 8th January.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

**Sir Ken Gibson**  
Executive Head Teacher



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## Joe McElderry Christmas Concert Rehearsal Special Appearance

It was an absolute delight to have Joe McElderry back in school at our Christmas Concert rehearsal. Joe was unable to attend the actual Christmas Concert on Tuesday 19th December because this was the very day that he started his lead role as 'Joseph' at the Newcastle Arena. Joe's visit was made even more special when he sang a wonderful rendition of 'Last Christmas' without any rehearsal whatsoever! Joe gave a stunning performance and I am sure this served as a further inspiration for our many talented youngsters.



## Harvest Festival

The school has a long history of celebrating Harvest Festival. This year, on Friday October 6th, we held a series of assemblies in our main hall involving all year groups. Sixth Form students assisted with the preparation of the assemblies and with the invitations to members of the local community.

We were joined by guests from Cheviot Court Care Home and the Key Project Homeless Persons' Charity and after the Harvest Festival assemblies, our guests joined us for tea and cakes!

The response from students and their families to the appeal for Harvest Festival produce was magnificent as usual. Sixth Form students packed up and delivered over 200 food parcels, shared between the Local Community and the Key Project Homeless Person's Charity and residents near to the school.

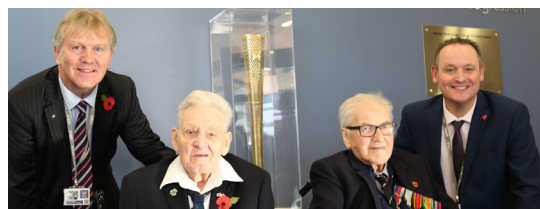


## Remembrance Celebration Services

We are now approaching the final year of our programme of events to commemorate the First World War. We are very proud of our record of remembrance and our Remembrance Day service is always a highlight of the year. On Friday 10th November assemblies were delivered to every year group in the school. Our guests from Cheviot Court Care Home joined us again for the final assembly and refreshments and our students were thrilled to talk with guests about their wartime experiences!

Our Sixth Form students at Harton Academy had the privilege of being joined in their Remembrance Celebration Services by two highly decorated veterans from World War Two, as well as members of the local community. The war heroes were Mr Harold Yeoman, a former RAF bomber pilot, and an Old Boy of the school and of Westoe Rugby club. He was joined by Mr Jim Harris, a former member of the Royal Navy who, at the age of 17 at the time, was the youngest member of the Navy to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Harton has always been proud of our efforts to honour those who have fought in the country's many conflicts, and today's visitors offered a very fitting and much appreciated contribution to our final assembly.



## "School of Rock" Production

On the 7th and 8th of November, students from year 8 to year 12 took to the stage to perform Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit Broadway and West End musical "School of Rock". The show is based upon the hit movie of the same name starring Jack Black and saw many of our students playing roles I am sure you will be familiar with.

Congratulations to the hugely talented cast who gave it their all on both nights and well done to everyone involved in the show. There were two fantastic performances that saw over 400 people attend across the two nights.



## Science Department Christmas Competition

This year the Science department ran their annual Christmas competition. The students were given the task of designing a science themed decoration and the competition proved very popular across all year groups with a total of 42 entries. The standard of entries was incredibly high and ranged from a Christmas tree shaped electrical circuit to a sparkly Bunsen burner model.

Three deserving winners were picked from all of the entries and awarded with hampers of sweets and chocolate to enjoy over the Christmas break. Well done to everyone who entered!

- 1st Prize went to Holly in Year 7 who designed a stunning **"Solar System Christmas Bauble"** "model".
- 2nd Prize went to Adam in Year 7 with a very original idea of a **"Christmas Atom Bauble"**.
- 3rd Prize went to Philippa and friends in Year 12 who designed a wonderful **"DNA Molecule Garland"**.



## Christmas Card Competition

The Harton Academy Christmas card competition came to a close on Friday the 8th of December. Students competed to win the chance of having their artistry printed onto cards. Art department staff selected nominees from year 7, 8 and 9. The quality of entries was extremely high this year. Sir Ken Gibson had the difficult job of selecting winners from a fine crop of designs for the much-loved annual competition.

The three winners were:

- **1st - Lucy Scott** (Year 9) Lucy produced a delightful colour pencil drawing of a robin on a top hat.
- **2nd - Olivia Wright** (Year 9) Olivia's painted snow globe shows Father Christmas aboard a reindeer drawn sleigh.
- **3rd - Summer O'Brien** (Year 9) Summer's entry was a charming woodland scene using coloured pencils.

May we take this opportunity to pass on a huge thank you for all the student entries and their hard work both at home and in the classroom.

### List of Selected Nominees:

Joseph Wells, Amy Fraser, Chloe Mula, Katlyn Briggs, Jade Elliot, Ling Lin, Nicole Clifford, Scarlett Ford, Lucy Scott, Humayra Miah, Paige Moy, Kaitlyn Elliot, Nicole Clifford, Holly Skiggs, Zain Yaseen, Hazel Salter, Grace Jackson, Sophie Jennings, Abby Armstrong, Ethan Chapman, Caprice Ternent, Kirsten Connolly, Sophie Bell, Stipan Topic, Jessica Carr, Alisya Tanriverdi, Lily Davies, Charlotte Tate, Owen Scurfield, Jasmin Rutter Libby Taylor, Emily Main, Aimee Morgan, Amelia Hood, Ellie Burn, Alistair Cave, Rebecca O'Brien, Kirsty McNair, Nya Smith, Paige Peterson, William Gofton, Matthew Joynes.



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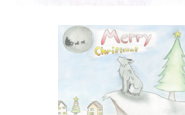
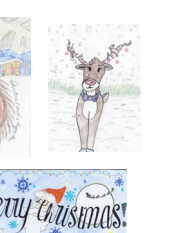
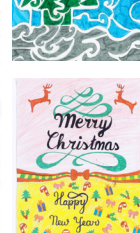
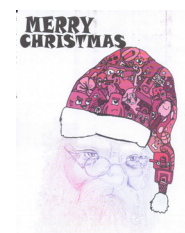


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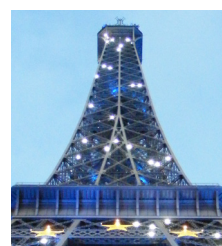
## Year 7 Student - Dylan Simpson - Outstanding Work for Charity



Dylan regularly raises money for charity and turns his bedroom into a grotto each year to raise funds for various good causes. This year he is raising money for the Sunderland Royal Hospitals Unit. The Shields Gazette wrote a piece on him at the end of November, highlighting his 'Christmas

Grotto' fundraising initiative. Dylan also won the Best of South Tyneside Award earlier in the year.

In school, Dylan is assisting our Head of Year 7, Mr Ian Cooper, to co-ordinate extra charity events over the festive period and into the New Year. The year 7 team are looking forward to supporting local and national charities with their future fundraising.



## Year 7 & Year 8 French Trip Information

With regard to our previous letter to parents, a meeting has been arranged to discuss the Year 7 and Year 8 French Trip. This meeting is for all those Year 7 and Year 8 students who have been selected and will be held in our Lecture

Theatre at 5:30pm on Thursday 8th February. It is essential that every student who is going on this trip is represented by an adult at this meeting. Thank you.

## Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks to all of the students, staff, family and friends who have contributed to this year's Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

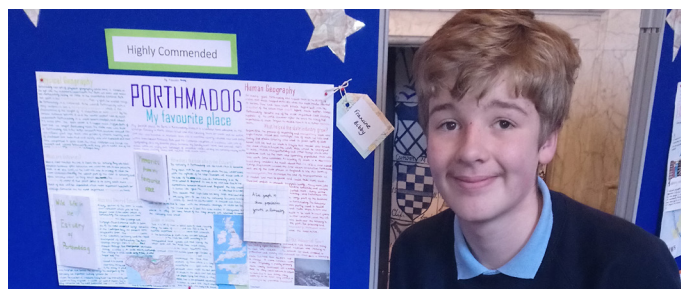




## Year 9 Student - Scott Morrow - Highly Commended in the Young Geographer of the Year Award!

Scott Morrow, a Year 9 student from Harton, has received an award from the Royal Geographical Society as part of the Young Geographer of the Year Award. The Young Geographer of the Year is a national competition run by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) to encourage students to engage with geographical issues. This year, the Society received over 1,600 entries from over 250 schools, with thousands of additional students taking part in in-school competitions. This year's Young Geographer of the Year competition was an opportunity for geography students to explore the geography of their favourite place. Steve Brace, the Society's Head of Education and Outdoor Learning, said:

"Our winners chose locations near and far - from the Isles of Scilly to Mount Fuji and from Braithwaite to the Galapagos Islands. In all of their entries they demonstrated high levels



of geographical knowledge and understanding in order to reveal the diverse geographies of their favourite places."

Scott produced a stunning piece of work on the Geography of Japan which has been highly commended. Scott worked incredibly hard to produce a piece of work which was detailed, highly geographical and above all a credit to himself and Harton Academy. The awards were presented to the overall winners and highly commended students at an award ceremony in South Kensington in London at the Society on Friday 24 November. Well done Scott!

## Girls U15 Rugby Trip to Twickenham - England V Canada

As a reward for their dedication to the sport over the last four years, fourteen girls from Harton Academy's U15 Rugby Team travelled down to Twickenham to watch the Red Roses in the final of the Old Mutual Wealth Cup, where England won convincingly, scoring many excellent individual and team tries.

April Ishida, one of our year 10 students, had the opportunity to be a Mascot for the match, running out onto the pitch alongside the England team and singing the national anthem with them before the match commenced.

The girls even managed to meet a few of the England Men's squad, including Danny Care and George Ford. They were delighted to be given this special opportunity and, as you can imagine, many selfies were taken! All in all, a marvellous trip, and to top it off our girls were commended by the RFU Co-ordinator on their excellent behaviour!

The girls' team have recently competed in the Durham County Schools Cup Finals at Darlington Mowden Park and were placed a magnificent 2nd! Well done to all involved!



## Head Boy/Head Girl Elected

Following a very demanding four stage process I am delighted to announce that Clodagh Denham was selected as the Head Girl and Lewis Appleton as the Head Boy.

Bethany Stanton, Abigail Carr and Elizabeth Brown will all be Deputy Head Girls and Brandon Jones and Michael O'Neil will both be Deputy Head Boys.

I very much look forward to working with Clodagh, Lewis and the deputies along with the prefect team over the coming year to seek and implement further improvements. The overall quality of the candidates was very impressive and I am sure that all the candidates have learnt a lot from the process that will help them significantly in the future.



## University of Cambridge's HE+ Programme

On Tuesday 8 November Harton hosted the inaugural launch event for the University of Cambridge's HE+ programme. This event, which had over 120 attendees from nine 6th Forms from South Tyneside, Gateshead and North Tyneside, is the first part of a 3 part programme designed to stretch the most academically able Year 12 students in the region as they prepare to apply to university next year.

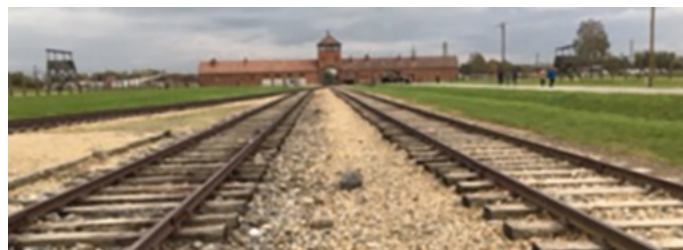


## Lessons from Auschwitz Programme

Two students from Harton 6th Form and a member of staff have been involved in a "Lessons from Auschwitz" programme run by The Holocaust Educational Trust. The mission of the trust is to educate every person from every background in the UK about the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance.

Based on the premise that 'hearing is not like seeing', this four-part course explores the universal lessons of the Holocaust and its relevance for today. The LFA Project aims to increase knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust for young people and to clearly highlight what can happen if prejudice and racism become acceptable.

The visits to the former Nazi concentration and death camp



of Auschwitz-Birkenau are preceded and followed by half-day seminars in order to ensure an exceptional educational experience.

Both students found the experience incredibly emotional and powerful and they look forward to raising awareness through their next steps project over the coming weeks.

## National Citizen Service (NCS) STAR SCHOOL

Harton Academy was delighted to receive a Star School Award. This Award recognises the achievements of dedicated schools in empowering young people to complete the National Citizen Service. It is a great scheme that allows young people to develop many key skills and qualities in completing adventurous activities and also working as part of a team to plan and deliver a community action project. It is very clear that the NCS opens young people's eyes to volunteering and getting involved in different projects and as a school we will continue to encourage our young people to make the most of this excellent opportunity.



## 100+ Harton Academy students set to change South Tyneside next summer

Students at Harton Academy in South Shields have been flocking to reserve places on a transformative programme that enables young people to develop vital skills and make a difference to the local community.

Since delivering an assembly to the year 11s on November 13, National Citizen Service (NCS) has been inundated with applications from students at the school, with over 100 teenagers signing up to take part in the government-backed programme, which will see them organise community projects during the summer holidays.

Harton Academy are the first school in the North East to reach 100 NCS sign ups this academic year.

"It's only December, yet places on the summer 2018 programme are already very limited for South Tyneside teenagers. We're currently on a tour of all the local schools to tell year 11s about the programme, so places will continue to fill up."

Harton Academy are also an NCS Champion School, and last year achieved the accolade of being the top school in South Tyneside for student participation.

Emma Lewell-Buck, MP for South Shields, said: "Having visited young



people taking part in National Citizen Service on several occasions, I have seen first-hand not only the skills and experiences the scheme gives them but how it increases their confidence and is helping create great advocates for our community. I am delighted that Harton Academy has provided the platform for so many of their students to take part."

The four week NCS scheme sees teens enjoy a week of outdoor adventure; a great chance to meet new people and enjoy some fun and freedom after the stressful GCSE exam period.

They then spend a further week in a university-style environment developing life skills like confidence, leadership and communication to boost CVs or UCAS personal statements.

Putting their new skills into practice,

participants are then challenged to deliver a community project in their local area and on completion, graduates of the scheme receive a certificate signed by the Prime Minister.

16 and 17 year olds are eligible to take part in NCS next summer. Government-backing means that places cost just £50, with bursaries of £10 available to those eligible for free school meals.

For South Tyneside teens, departure dates include 10th July, 20th July, 24th July and 7th August. Places are already limited. To reserve a place, teens or parents should visit [NCSNORTHEAST.co.uk](http://NCSNORTHEAST.co.uk) or call 0191 247 4020.





## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentations

Following a very successful Duke of Edinburgh's Awards evening in May, we have recently had the second Harton Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Evening for the sixteen students that have successfully completed their Bronze Award and the three students that have successfully completed the Silver Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme has grown significantly over the past six years, thanks to the tremendous efforts of a number of staff that volunteer their time to help train the students during lunchtime

sessions, monitor the volunteering, physical and skill sections of the award and give generously of their time for the expeditions. At present we have over 200 students involved in the scheme at bronze, silver and this year at gold level for the first time in many years. The scheme is offered to all year 9 students in the summer term and is a fabulous opportunity to help young people stand out from the crowd and give them an advantage in the future. As it has been for many years, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the most highly regarded non-academic qualification and we are delighted that so many young people at Harton are taking advantage of this opportunity.

## Update from 'Team Ecuador'

There is a small community of Kichwa Indians who live on the banks of the River Arajuno in Ecuador. Thanks to the fundraising efforts and work of the 2017 Harton Expedition, they now have their first running water system.

This project was one of several a group of seven of our students worked on in the first week of this year's summer expedition. In addition, they built a jungle greenhouse to grow medicinal plants for local communities, planted bamboo along the banks of the river to help slow erosion and helped develop the water system in the amazing jungle lodge which was our rainforest home. When work was over each day, our students explored and learned about the rainforest with a local guide, swam and rafted in the river and visited Amazonico, a centre established to get tropical animals back to their natural environment, where they got to see toucans, caimans, tapirs and ocelots.

On leaving the jungle lodge, the group headed into Quito city to plan and budget for the rest of their travels around Ecuador and do some sight seeing around the city before leaving on one of many long bus journeys. Time was spent in Otavalo,

bartering for alpaca wool clothing and Paja Toquilla hats at South America's largest craft market and trekking to a beautiful local waterfall; in Tena learning how local chocolate is grown and produced (and of course tasting everything they made); and in Puerto Lopez at the coast where they made the most of the beaches as well as visiting La Isla de Plata to see blue footed boobies nesting and view whales migrating through the area.

After nearly a month of travelling, it was a very tired but ecstatic group who arrived back to their families in Newcastle airport. As well as collecting unforgettable and, in some cases, indescribable experiences together, the students came home with life skills and achievements that will be invaluable to them as they head out on the next stage of their lives. Whatever life throws at them, they will be safe in the knowledge that it will never be as hard as having to deal with it in Spanish, over the phone, at a bus station in Quito surrounded by back packs!



## Team Nepal 2019

Harton 6th Form has recently offered the opportunity for year 12 students to be part of an expedition that will



be travelling to Nepal in the summer of 2019. Twelve students have signed up for this and now have the very challenging task of fundraising over £3500 each to make this trip of a lifetime a reality. Whilst in Nepal, the team will complete a sustainable community project, visit cultural sites and also have the option of trekking to the Annapurna Base Camp.

Students who are part of Team Nepal

and Team Cambodia will be taking part in the Boxing Day Fancy Dress Dip - running into the North Sea in fancy dress as part of their fundraising fun!

The "2020 Team" destination (for current year 11 students to be getting excited about and saving for) is Indonesia! Mr Burroughs, Director of 6th Form said "I just wish my schools offered such amazing opportunities when I was that age!!!"



## 6th Form Football Team

The 6th Form Football team are enjoying a superb campaign so far, in their first full season. The team, who have a range of Year 12 and 13 students, are on an 11 game winning streak, and currently sit top of the DCSFA U19's North division.

They are represented in two County Cup competitions, having made it to the semi-final in one, after overcoming Cardinal Hume in extra time. Two of the team members also represent Durham County U18's, which is a brilliant accolade for the school.

The biggest achievement so far, however, is making it to the Last 32 of the ESFA U18's National Trophy. Harton are the only North-East based side remaining in the competition and face Lancashire based Clitheroe Royal Grammar School in



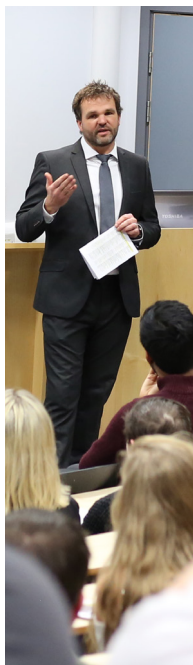
the hope of reaching the Last 16. Good luck lads – here's hoping they go far in the competition!

## Year 13 Presentation Evening

It was fantastic to see our 6th Form leavers at the Annual Presentation Evening. The vast majority of them are home for Christmas, having completed their first term at University.

The evening started with a wonderfully inspirational talk by Hannah Russell and then the students received A level certificates and various prizes.

Massive thanks to all the students, parents and family members for attending what was a lovely evening. Thanks also to our Director of 6th Form, Mr Richard Burroughs, Assistant Head of 6th Form, Mrs Kathryn Brown and all of the 6th Form tutors and staff who guided this year group successfully through their two years at our magnificent 6th Form.



## Scholastic

Harton Academy now has a book club with Scholastic; this allows parents to buy discounted books at great prices and receive free delivery to school. With every purchase, the school earn Scholastic Rewards.

Books can be ordered online at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/bookclubs> and, just before the payment page, insert 'Harton Academy'. It is as simple as that!

Scholastic Book Clubs are intended to encourage young people to develop a lifelong love of books and this is something we at Harton Academy also strive towards. Any queries regarding the book club or ordering can be passed to Ms Wolfendale.



# Pastoral Information

## The 'Charity Board'

The 'Charity Board' is a group of students with an interest in generating funds. They meet every half term with Mr Holyome. This term, the Charity Board has been successful in donating a total of £1350 to a number of different charities that the students have chosen. These have included Tickled Pink and also Together Forever, both of which the students had been impacted by. This Christmas, the Charity Board have once again proposed that rather than give each other Christmas cards, teachers and associate staff make a donation to charity. The charity chosen was Crisis which helps homeless people to rebuild their lives. All staff will

# £1350

be invited to take part! There will be a non-uniform day on the last day of term and we hope to donate the proceeds to support a local charity. Just a reminder to students that the Charity Board meets every half term - all ages are welcome!

## Adopted from Care Pupil Premium Plus

As part of the Department for Education's adoption reform programme we have been asked to enlist the co-operation of parents/carers in relation to adoption from care. The Pupil Premium is an amount of money that schools receive to support the education of particular groups of children (e.g. children on free school meals and children in care). Each eligible pupil is allocated Pupil Premium funding which is used to the benefit of the child.

From April 2014, schools in England can receive the Pupil Premium for

children **adopted** from care, or who left care under a **Special Guardianship Order** on or after 30 December 2005. Schools can also claim the Pupil Premium for children who left care under a **Residence Order** on or after 14 October 1991. The Pupil Premium funding received by schools is used to enhance the educational experience of the child.

If you are the parent/carer of a child who has left care under any of the following legal orders:

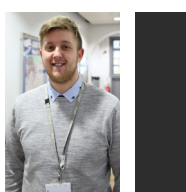
**Adoption Order**  
**Special Guardianship Order (SGO)**  
**Residence Order (RO)**

...and you have not already informed

us, you could access that funding for your child by informing the school. By doing this you will enable the school to claim additional funding to support your child with their education.

Initially, we would ask that you inform us via a confidential telephone conversation. From that point we would arrange a meeting to explain the situation further. Any information that you provide to us will, of course, be treated in the strictest confidence.

If you would like to inform us of your circumstances and claim the **Adopted from Care Pupil Premium** funding for your child, please ring us via the school office (0191 4274050) and ask for Mrs Gerri Bash, our Attendance Officer.



## White Ribbons Campaign

Male staff across the school have been seen wearing white ribbons to show their support for the national White Ribbon campaign, which aims eradicate male violence towards women. Wearing the white ribbon shows support for the campaign and its pledge to "never excuse, commit or remain silent about male violence towards women". Staff wearing the white ribbon act as positive role models to our male pupils and raise awareness of this important message. Many thanks to all

those who have been wearing the white ribbon with pride!





## Contact and Medical Details

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility 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. If you have any medical information to give us or if any of your contact details have changed (phone numbers, address etc) please let us know at any time via the school office.

## Medication in School

A reminder to all parents about student medication 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 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, 3 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 medication in, or for any further information, please contact Ms Mizen on extension 206.

## Attendance

Parents will be aware of the government threshold for what is termed a 'Persistent Absentee'. This is now defined as any student with an attendance of less than 90%. We encourage parents to keep a regular check on attendance levels. Our staff are available at any time for consultation if you are concerned.

## Lunchtime Arrangements

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. They have a choice of

lunch, either a hot meal or sandwiches from the Dining Hall, or alternatively, students can bring their own packed lunch. The only exception to this should be that they go home for lunch where they will be supervised by parents or another responsible adult.

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.

## Use of Bikes during the Winter Months

With dark nights (and days!) in mind, we would like to remind all young cyclists to stay safe this winter.

- All student cycles on the premises should be housed in one of our cycle shelters. Having cycles in one central place increases our ability to supervise.
- Cycles should be secured using a substantial lock and chain. The owner of the bike should ensure that a spare key is kept in a safe place.
- All cyclists should disembark at the school gates and walk the cycle to the shelter. This is to enhance levels of safety for the many hundreds of pedestrians on the school site.

We also advise that:

- parents are satisfied that cyclists have a satisfactory level of competence and an awareness of cycling proficiency
- to deter theft, the cycle is clearly stamped
- regular checks are carried out with regard to the roadworthiness of the cycle, with particular regard to brakes and tyres
- very important - a cycling helmet is worn
- cycles are fitted with working lights. This is particularly important at this time of year.

This advice does not constitute school responsibility for cycles and cycling. The decision as to whether a child is competent to safely cycle to and from school rests with the parents and the school has no liability for the consequences of that decision. All cycles are brought onto the school premises at the owner's risk. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to cycles.

## Traffic at the School Gates

We would like to pass on our appreciation to all parents who have responded to our request over the last few months to ease traffic congestion at the school gates before and after school. We have all seen how congested the area around the school gates can become around 8.30am and 3.15pm and parental response has made a visible difference in easing the situation – many thanks to all concerned for your patience and understanding! 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. Thank you once again! May we also respectfully remind all drivers that the school gates are areas of restricted parking and stopping. There are clear signs and road markings to this effect and the Police have informed us that they are able to impose fines if necessary.

## Holiday Dates for the academic year 2017/18

- We break up for the Christmas Holiday at 3:15pm on Thursday 21 December
- Staff and students return to school on Monday 8 January 2018

Christmas Holiday 2017  
Students Break up Thursday 21 December, return to school Monday 8 January 2018

## Holidays in 2018

### February Half Term

Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February

### Easter Holidays

Break up Thursday 29 March, return to school Monday 16 April

### May Bank Holiday

7 May

### May Half Term

Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June

### Staff Inset Day

Wednesday 4th July

### Summer Holidays

Break up Friday 20 July, students return to school Tuesday 4 September

### October Half Term

Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October





## New 'Mobile Phone App'

We have now updated our Wellness System so that all members can access their training programmes and results from a mobile phone app. This lets our members see data such as calorie expenditure, distance covered and weight lifted plus a lot more. Data can be uploaded via our TGS Keys that plug directly into our fitness machines or by using their mobile phones.

All of our memberships include personal training, fitness programmes, group fitness classes, PT help and advice plus the use of our new Wellness System.

To join, call us on **0191 427 4055** or pop into Reception to book an appointment. We have been named "South Tyneside's Gym of the Year" for the past two years, so you can be assured that Harton Sports Centre is a top quality gym!

### Fancy a free gym pass?

Just email [sportscentre@hartonacademy.co.uk](mailto:sportscentre@hartonacademy.co.uk) or visit our website [www.hartonsportscentre.co.uk](http://www.hartonsportscentre.co.uk)

We also have a great range of group fitness classes including Spinning, Fitsteps, Circuits, Zumba, Yoga and Clubersize. All classes are included in our memberships but non-members can also access them for £4 per class.



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