



Harton Academy

NEWSLETTER

Your termly update

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WELCOME...

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

The past term has, as ever, been extremely busy and it was unfortunate that we were forced to close for three days due to the awful weather. Please accept my sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused, but at least we did try to inform students, staff and parents well in advance. Hopefully the weather will improve dramatically over the coming days and weeks and we can all enjoy a restful Easter!

However, the very important examination period commences immediately after we return to school, making this free time an ideal opportunity for students to organise and commence a comprehensive revision schedule.

We break up at 3:15pm on Thursday 29th March and all students return to school after the Easter holiday on Monday 16th April 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 Easter break with your families and I look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Monday 16th April.

Best wishes

Sir Ken Gibson
Executive Head Teacher



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In order to reduce unnecessary use of paper and fuel, Harton Academy is moving to an all-electronic communication system with parents and carers, which we feel will be just as reliable as our current model. In order that we can ensure we stay in touch with you, please advise Mrs Bash of any changes from the email address you shared on your child's admission form. We will initially be prompting parents to our new approach via a text message and ask that you perhaps check your junk or spam email folders, in case our initial correspondence is filtered out.

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Visit by World War Two Veteran - Mr Harold Yeoman

After studying World War Two this term, Miss Chesterton's 9F2 History class were given the opportunity of a lifetime. They were able to spend an hour in the company of ex-student, 96 year old, Harold Yeoman. Harold was born in South Shields and enlisted as an RAF pilot during World War Two. Harold flew a total of 14 missions to the continent including raids on Cologne and Essen. At the end of his flying days, Harold became an intelligence officer. The students designed their own questions and four representatives from the class posed them to Harold. The event could not have happened without the continual efforts and support of local resident, and close friend to Harold, Bill Scott. This was a History lesson that those involved will never forget.



Skiing 2018 - Andorra

It is safe to say that taking 80 students and 10 staff was a bit of a crazy idea but we had the most amazing week skiing in Andorra. The slopes were perfect for our students and the weather was just as good. We even had a visit from Mr Doneghan (recently retired Head of Geography) who was also skiing in Andorra! Long days and busy nights meant that our students never had a moment to spare. All were challenged and thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

A huge thank you to both staff and students for making the trip the best to date!



UK Maths Challenge

Each year the University of Leeds organises a nationally recognised Maths Challenge. This is a very prestigious event, where questions focus on problem solving and are very challenging in nature. Sixty students from Harton Academy were entered into the intermediate challenge which is aimed at students from Year 9 and Year 10. Results this year were fantastic with 27 of the 60 students receiving a certificate.

We had 17 bronze certificates, 10 silver certificates and 1 gold. The gold certificate was awarded to Thomas Dolan, who obviously scored best in school and qualified to take part in the next round of the competition. Well done to all involved and best of luck to Thomas in the next round!

Certificates Awarded as follows:

Thomas	Dolan	Gold Award	Year 10	Best in Year	Best in School
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Kingsley	McDonald	Silver Award	Year 10		
Lauryn	Waters	Silver Award	Year 10		
Kate	Emmett	Silver Award	Year 10		
Artemy	Novokhrost	Silver Award	Year 10		
Ben	Taylor	Silver Award	Year 10		
Francesca	Elsy	Silver Award	Year 10		
Joshua	Moore	Silver Award	Year 10		
Abdul	Farhan	Silver Award	Year 10		
Hazel	Salter	Silver Award	Year 9	Best in Year	
Brooke	Clifton	Silver Award	Year 9		



Jack	Johnston	Bronze Award	Year 10
Hammad	Malik	Bronze Award	Year 10
Tyler	Nazarinia	Bronze Award	Year 10
Joshua	Baines	Bronze Award	Year 10
Thomas	Pearce	Bronze Award	Year 10
Maisha	Rahman	Bronze Award	Year 10
Daniel	Leask	Bronze Award	Year 10
Radhiyah	Parvez	Bronze Award	Year 10
Chloe	Heley	Bronze Award	Year 10
Scott	Morrow	Bronze Award	Year 9
Uhani	Khondoker	Bronze Award	Year 9
Kate	Briggs	Bronze Award	Year 9
Arna	Singh	Bronze Award	Year 9
Georgia	Burdis	Bronze Award	Year 9
Evie	Werndly	Bronze Award	Year 9



GCSE Exam Preparation

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today" (H Jackson Brown Jr.)

If you are one of our Year 11 parents, you will no doubt be beginning to feel the looming prospect of your child commencing preparations for what may be their final examinations in Harton Academy before many of them move on to pastures new.

We have produced a handy guide of useful tips on how to best support your child through what may be a difficult time for them. This guide will be emailed to you, along with their final report;

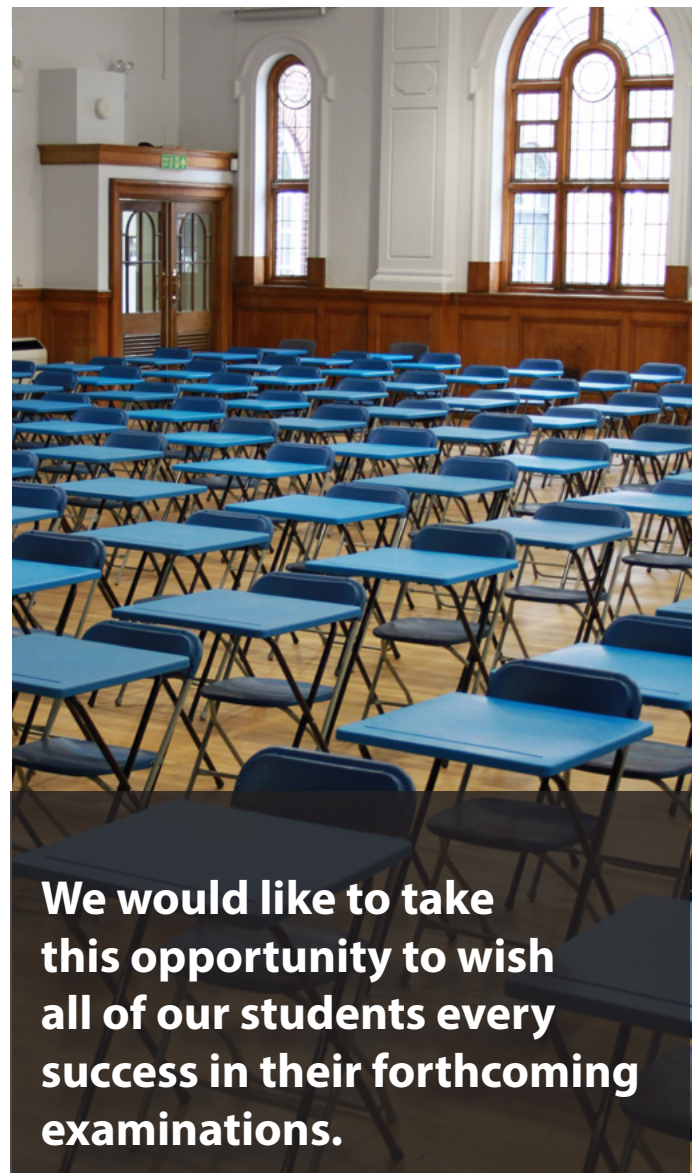
Please make sure your email contact details are correct. Any changes should be notified to Mrs Bash, the school Attendance Officer.

Start of Examination Period

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.

If you have any queries regarding examinations, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Le Blanc, our



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

Year 7 - Schools' Enterprise Market

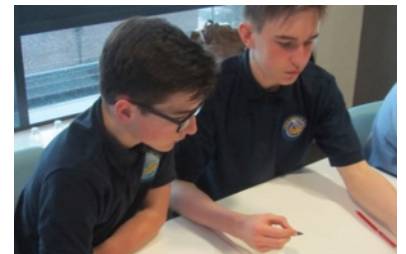
A group of our year 7 students, together with students from other schools in the borough, recently took part in a borough wide School Enterprise Market. The students were given a brief of creating products suitable to sell to school children. The group spent many lunch times, in advance of the day, generating ideas and developing their products. The market took place on Tuesday 20th March in the South Shields market square and, despite the cold temperatures, the group's entrepreneurial zeal shone through! The students ended the day with a healthy profit that will be donated to charity. Many thanks to all the students who took part!





Year 9 Netball Team

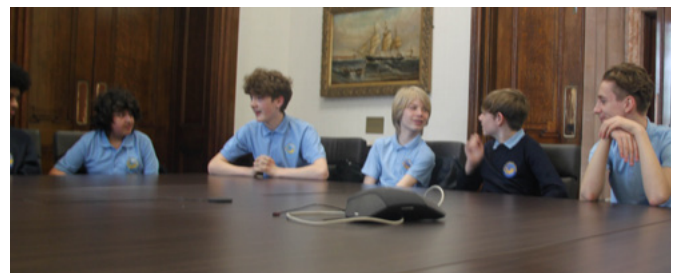
Congratulations to the girls' Year 9 Netball Team who were placed 2nd in the 'Schools' County Netball Tournament'. Well done!



Year 10 Students - 2018 Maths Feast Event

The following year 10 students from 10e/Ma1 and 10e/Ma1 took part in the 2018 Maths Feast Event on Thursday 15 March and performed very well against some very stiff competition. They worked under pressure as teams of four to complete a range of problem solving challenges. The conduct and attitude of the students was exemplary and they were great ambassadors for Harton Academy!

Nathan Davison, Thomas Dolan, Maggie Hickman, Olivia Lindsay, Joshua Moore, Millie Ramsay-Jordan, Mahanur Rashed & Sophie Wright.



KS3 Debate Club - Member of Youth Parliament Election

The new debate club continues to meet every week one Tuesday lunch time, debating a range of topics that the students choose. We've also had one member, Scott Morrow, run for the member of Youth Parliament, which is the role of being an MP for the 9,000+ young people in South Tyneside. Scott did very well and secured a fairly large amount of the votes but unfortunately he didn't win this time. The Debate Club did manage to have a school trip though to the Town Hall to see the results being called out.



Year 7 and Year 8 - France Trip

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students have recently arrived home from a wonderful long weekend on the Opal Coast, Northern France. They got to speak lots of French, explore Boulogne

and the market, visit chocolate and sweet factories and La Coupole, a World War II Bunker Museum. The most memorable part of the trip was probably our snail tasting experience! Well done to all of those students who were brave enough to try them!



Interested in becoming a teacher?

Inspire young people with the subject you love.

At Harton Teaching School Alliance, we are recruiting for **primary** and all **secondary** subjects. You don't have to go to university to train to become a teacher.

We offer bespoke teacher training, through the School Direct Programme, in the North East of England.



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or email schooldirect@hartonacademy.co.uk



Pastoral Information

Recent Year 9 Immunisations

Students from three Form Groups (9IT, 9GM & 9JL) did not get their Dip/Tet/Pol and MEN ACWY immunisations due to the late arrival of the vaccine which greatly impacted on the time table. We will, of course, keep parents and students informed when the NHS immunisation team offer us alternative dates for these catch-ups.

Medical Conditions and Contact Information

A reminder that it is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the school regarding any medical conditions that the child may have. This is particularly important in the case of long term medical issues.

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 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 a 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 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 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

- 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.** They have a choice of lunch, either a hot meal or to 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 other 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 summer term

With the summer term ahead, we would like to remind our young cyclists of the following safety procedures:

- your parents should be satisfied that you have a satisfactory level of competence and an awareness of cycling proficiency
- you should conduct regular checks on the roadworthiness of your cycle, with particular regard to brakes and tyres
- you should wear a cycling helmet

- you should ensure that your cycle is fitted with working lights
- you should always cycle responsibly and carefully. Stay safe!

All cycles brought onto the school premises are done so at the owner's risk. School cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

GCE and GCSE Examinations

Monday 14th May sees the start of the GCE and GCSE Examination period which lasts until the end of June

Holiday Dates for the academic year ahead

We break up for the Easter Holiday at 3:15pm on Thursday 29 March. Staff and students return to school on **Monday 16 April 2018.**

Students' First Day Back after the Easter break

Monday 16 April

May Bank Holiday

7 May

May Half Term

Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June

Staff Inset Day

Wednesday 4 July

Summer Holidays

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

October Half Term

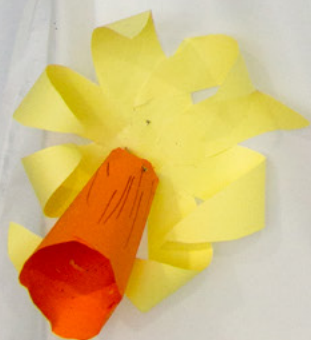
Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October

Christmas Holidays

Break up Friday 21 December, students return to school Tuesday 8 January 2019

February Half Term

Mon 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019



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