

# Harton News

## The Harton School Parents' Newsletter

### Our new school uniform

The new Harton School uniform of sky blue polo shirt (with school logo) and navy blue sweatshirt (with school logo) is available from Decorum.



The address is: **Decorum · Unit 209 · TEDCO Business Works · Henry Robson Way · Station Road · South Shields NE33 IRF. Tel. (0191) 4567667, Fax (0191) 42748508.**

Order forms are available from school until the end of term and should be returned with cheques/postal orders to Decorum.

Uniforms will be available for collection on **Tuesday 31 August** at the following times in the **Community Centre** starting at 10.00 am in alphabetical order.

**A-B: 10.00-10.45 am**

**C-D: 10.45-11.30 am**

**E-G: 11.30-12.15 pm**

**H-J: 12.15-1.00 pm**

**K-M: 1.00-1.45 pm**

**N-R: 1.45-2.30 pm**

**S-T: 2.30-3.15 pm**

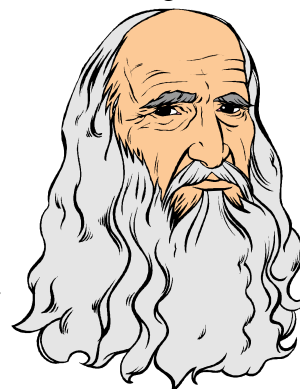
**U-Z: 3.15-4.00 pm**

If you are unable to collect uniforms at this time, they will be available in school.

### Gifted & Talented Summer Schools

A number of Harton students have been selected to attend various summer schools throughout the holidays.

A group of Year 6 and Year 7 students will spend a week at Harton's "Leonardo" summer school. As well as a History Trip to Scotland, students will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of workshops: all on the theme of Leonardo da Vinci.



Twelve students in Years 8 and 9 will spend the week as marine biologists at Newcastle University's Dove Marine Laboratory in Cullercoats.

Four Year 9 students have been chosen to attend a "Music and Animation" summer school at the 'Open Zone' at St Wilfrid's School.

Nineteen Year 11 students will be spending a week at one of our local universities. Staying in the halls of residence, they will get the chance to sample all aspects of university life!

Finally, congratulations to two Year 11 students who despite tough competition have been chosen to spend a week at a specialist college. **Elizabeth Walker** will be staying at King Alfred's College in Winchester, **Michaela Stewart** at the Cumbria Institute of Art.

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh group, numbering 34 Year 9 students has met regularly on Wednesday lunchtimes to plan training expedition routes in Borrowdale in Cumbria and to develop the skills necessary for these undertakings.

The students have taken part in three weekend expeditions under various weather conditions, ranging from bright sunshine to torrential rain. They stayed in the following youth hostels using the school's newly acquired school group membership:-

- **Keswick: 14 May 2004**
- **Longthwaite: 18 June 2004**
- **Ambleside: 2 July 2004**

The participants have all completed the non-expedition sections of their awards in their own time.

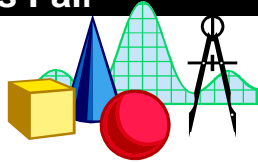
The diary dates for assessed expeditions next term are:-

- **17<sup>th</sup> September 2004**
- **24<sup>th</sup> September 2004**



## North East Mathematics Fair

This year saw Harton's biggest ever attendance at this fun event.



With lots of activities and competitions taking place, everyone had plenty to do throughout the day.

We also scored a double hit with our girls' team winning both Crystal Maze competitions.

## MFL Trip to Spain

The recent Spanish trip was very successful. A group of 40 Year 9 students visited Barcelona and its surrounding area.

There were enjoyable visits to a CAVA vineyard and Montserrat Monastery, as well as Las Ramblas shopping street and Nou Camp Football Stadium.



**SPAIN**

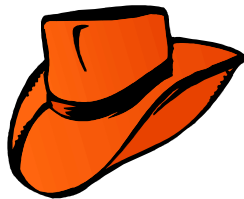
## Learning+Skills Council Awards 2004

Harton School, in partnership with Rohm and Haas, achieved runner-up status in the Work Experience category for their Enhanced Work Experience as part of the T.D.R. Engineers Scheme.

**Michael Mullin** and **Ian Wakefield** attended the awards ceremony at the Marriott Hotel, Gosforth, on Harton School's behalf, and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

## Oklahoma!

The auditions were tough, but there are some excellent singers. Rehearsals are well underway for a performance of *Oklahoma!* in **March 2005**. Cast of thousands!



## GNVQ Art & Design

Students have completed a magnificent project based on **Bede's World** in Jarrow. An exhibition of their work is soon to be held there.

## Year 9 Art Trip to London

On July 10 a party of Year 9s will travel to London to view the once in a lifetime Edward Hopper exhibition at the Tate Modern plus the exciting and contemporary works at the Saatchi gallery.

## Rounders

Three girls' teams entered the South Tyneside Tournaments this term. Year 10 came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Year 8 came 4<sup>th</sup>, and a very talented Year 7 team won their tournament

## End of Term Arrangements

As you know, we break up on Friday 16 July and students return to school on Thursday 2 September 2004. It is our intention to finish at 12.15 pm on Friday 16 July in order that we can hold presentations to members of staff who are retiring or leaving for another school.

## School Year 2004-2005

The new school year starts on Wednesday 1 September 2004 with an In-Service Training Day for the staff. Students do not return until Thursday 2 September.

The new Year 7 should arrive at school at the normal time and go straight into the Hall when the bell rings at 8:30am. The remainder of students should not arrive at school before 10.00 am. They should go to their tutor groups at 10.15 for the start of period 2.

## School Dates

- Students return on **Thursday 2 September 2004**.
- Half term starts **Thursday 21 October 2004**, return **Monday 1 November 2004**.
- Autumn Term ends **Friday 17 December 2004**.
- Spring Term starts **Tuesday 4 January 2005**.
- Half term ends **Friday 11 February 2005**, return **Monday 21 February 2005**.
- Spring term ends **Thursday 24 March 2005**.
- Summer Term starts **Monday 11 April 2005**.
- May Day Holiday: **Monday 2 May 2005**.
- Half Term ends **Friday 27 May 2005**, return on **Monday 6 June 2005**.

In-service training days take place on **1 September 2004**, **15 November 2004**, **4 February 2005** and **24 March 2005**. Students do not attend school on these days.

## Head Teacher's Comments

Many thanks to all staff, students, parents and Governors for your efforts and support throughout my first year as Head Teacher. I do hope that you all have a marvellous summer and I look forward to welcoming the staff and students back in September, suitably refreshed!

## Community Corner

Details of membership and times are available from the School Office, ☎ 4564226 Fax: 427 1478



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