

Harton News

The Harton Technology College Parents' Newsletter

Progress Review Day

You will find enclosed with this Newsletter detailed information regarding our very first Progress Review Day, which is to be held on **Thursday 21st October 2004**.

End of Term Arrangements

Note: We break up on Thursday 21st October because Friday 22nd October is an additional holiday to accommodate further staff training.

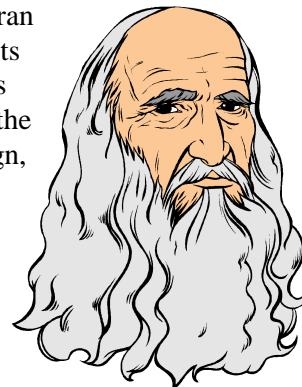
School Dates

- Half term starts **Friday 22 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 **Wednesday 23 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 **15 November 2004**, **4 February 2005** and **24 March 2005**. Students **do not** attend school on these days.

Gifted & Talented Summer Schools

During the first week of the summer holidays, the school presented the 'Leonardo' summer school for 30 Year 6 and Year 7 students. This event ran over the full week and the students enjoyed a wide range of activities and workshops from all areas of the curriculum such as Art and Design, ICT, Latin, History, Music and Engineering. Their outstanding work was later displayed at the Customs House along with many other schools from the borough where it won an award for excellence!



Over the summer, Year 10 students were involved in a 'Music and Animation' project at the CLC. Students from Years 8 and 9 also became marine biologists at Newcastle University's Dove Marine Laboratory. Year 11 students were able to experience university life as they enjoyed all aspects of living in the halls of residence at a local university!

Forthcoming activities include:

- 'Just for a day ... Animation' – one lucky pupil will have the opportunity to work alongside a professional animator!
- 'Behind the scenes' – 3 Year 10 students will have the opportunity of being actively engaged with the 'real life' planning process for a musical event involving professional musicians at The Sage in Gateshead!

Head Teacher's Comments

I was absolutely delighted with the school's recent GCSE results – **an all time record for Harton, with 62% of our students achieving 5 or more A* - C grades**. The tremendous efforts of the students, the magnificent commitment, dedication and expertise of the teaching staff and support staff, along with the continued support from the Parents and Governors all paid dividends.



I would like to take this further opportunity to thank everyone mentioned above for their efforts and I am particularly pleased for the students. Many of them have exceeded our and their wildest expectations and they can now hopefully go on to even better things. I wish them all every success in the future and only wish that they were able to continue their studies with us at Harton School. In addition to the Year 11 results:-

In Year 10 – 111 students passed GCSE Statistics Grade A* - C **one year early** (with 224 passes at A*-G).

In Year 9 – 5 students passed GCSE Graphics Grade A or B **two years early** (Kelsey Arthur, Holly Bays, Liam Flood, James Fortune and Lynsey Ross).

In Year 8 – 3 students passed GCSE Graphics at Grade B or C **three years early** (Rebecca Ashurst, Melanie Dale and Faye Peterson).

Year 7 Football Team

Year 7 Football Team reached the Semi-Final of the District Cup by defeating Mortimer School 2 – 0 and they are into the Second Round of the County Cup versus Heworth Grange later this month. We are extremely proud of the conduct of the team both on and off the field!



Swimming

Anthony Surtees, a Year 11 student, currently swims for the Great Britain Schools National team. He is also the current record holder of three school swimming records and later this month he will attempt to create three new records. We wish Anthony well for the future.

BBC Hard Spell

Victoria Atkinson, Shajeda Begum and Jodie Caffrey have been successful in reaching the regional heat of this national spelling competition.

This will take place at The Baltic, Gateshead on 9th October 2004.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Two assessed expedition trips for the Year 10 group have taken place in Northumberland this term. For many students this was their first experience of sleeping under canvas and they coped very well. Breakfast on the following day was particularly impressive!

Both trips were successful in terms of student achievement and enjoyment, though valuable lessons were learned by all on each occasion. The blistered and weary candidates now need to pass their record books to Mr Williams for updating and, where appropriate, submission to the Local Authority for awarding of their Bronze Award. Silver Award sessions will begin after the half term break.



School Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and students for their co-operation with changing to the new school uniform.



Due to the weather becoming colder, we would encourage all students to wear a school sweatshirt.

Students who wear hooded tops or track suit tops as coats will be asked to remove them in the school corridors as we would like the school logo on the new uniform to be visible.

Just to remind all concerned that **black** shoes are required as part of the school uniform.

Oklahoma!

Over 100 enthusiastic students auditioned for parts in the forthcoming production of 'Oklahoma' at Harton Technology College. Rehearsals are well underway for a performance in **March 2005**.



Harton Technology College

As from 8th September the name of Harton School has been changed officially to:-

HARTON TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

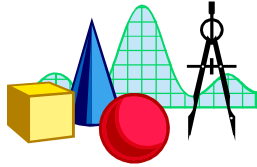
This is to reflect the school's specialist status which has benefited teaching and learning across all subjects.

Community Corner

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



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