

Newsletter

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Dear Friend

Some of our happiest memories of our school days are of the glorious sunny days of June between the exams and the start of the summer holiday. As I look out onto Perth Road into the dull wet morning, from my office strewn with paper awaiting my urgent response I wonder what ever became of those halcyon June summers.

Enough of such day dreaming. I am happy to report to you that despite the weather the Harris outlook is extremely bright and favourable. Not only do we look forward to a holiday but also to the first session of a new millennium. We do so with an optimism and confidence in our ability to prepare our young people to take a full part in shaping the new era. Our pupils have the dual benefit in being exposed to an educational provision second to none as well as a school ethos which has been nurtured and developed by generations of Harris pupils for over 100 years. The strength of this combination is extremely potent in giving our young people a positive start in the world!

Now that we have moved back to a single site on Perth Road and have had a year to re-establish ourselves. I look forward to meeting you in the school in September. I have had discussions with Mabel and Joyce regarding your visit on Friday 17 September 1999 and preparations are well in hand to ensure that you have the opportunity to visit as many of your old haunts as you wish.

The refurbishment of the school continues and you will find during your visit that substantial work has been carried out to upgrade and decorate the Assembly Hall. The floor has been sanded and varnished and the stage has been substantially upgraded.

You may well already be aware of our plans to recognise the millennium within the school and my desire to have the Former Pupils involved in this. You may know that although the traditional entrance to the school remains where it always was, on account of new safety procedures the only point of entry into the school is through the glass doors some 50m west along Perth Road. I have already approached your committee to ask if the Former Pupils of the school would wish to contribute to the replacement of these glass / aluminium doors with something more appropriate to the front door of the Harris. I have received a quote for £8000 for such a replacement and with your committee's agreement will approach you with detailed plans during the course of next session. In the meantime any suggestions as to how we might raise the cash would be most appreciated.

I am confident that despite the wet and dull June weather that the sun will continue to shine on the Harris. I thank you for your continued support of the school and look forward to meeting you in September.

Yours sincerely Mr J Thewliss (Head Teacher)