

Harris Church of England Academy

Summer Term 1, May 2025

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As we approach the end of another busy term, I'm delighted to share with you all the wonderful activities and achievements that have taken place in our school life recently.

Our Year 11 students have started on their external GCSE journey, a significant milestone in their academic careers. We're immensely proud of their dedication and the resilience they've shown in preparation for this crucial period.

In the realm of STEM, our Imagineering Club continues to flourish. This weekly gathering of young minds is a hive of innovation, where students explore the fascinating intersections of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It's heartening to see such enthusiasm for these vital subjects that will shape our future.

Our Year 7 and 8 students recently put their mathematical ability to the test in the Junior Maths Challenge. This national competition stretches young mathematicians, encouraging them to think outside the box and apply their skills to novel problems.

Looking ahead, we've had the pleasure of welcoming our September cohort for a delightful evening of fish and chips and ice-breaking activities. It was wonderful to see new friendships forming and to witness the excitement of our future students as they begin to feel part of our Harris family.

On the sporting front, we've seen some remarkable achievements. Our students have been pushing boundaries on the track and field. These successes are a testament to the dedication of our students and the unwavering support of our PE department.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you that the changes to the mobile phone policy that come into effect from 2 June. Students are only permitted to bring phones to school if they have a phone pouch, purchased through the school, and lock their phone in it throughout the school day. If students do not have a pouch, they are not permitted to bring their phone to school.

As always, it's a privilege to witness the growth and achievements of our students. Their enthusiasm for learning, their willingness to embrace challenges, and their support for one another continue to inspire us all.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in education.

God Bless

Mrs Harrison



Harmonious Aspirational Responsible Respectful Inspirational Sociable

Term Dates 2024/2025

Half Term	Monday 26th May 2025	to	Friday 30th May 2025
Summer Term 2	Monday 2nd June 2025	to	Friday 18th July 2025 - 12:30 finish



Forthcoming Events

	June		July
2-18	Y11 GCSE Exams	1	Swimming Gala
9-20	Y7 Assessments	1	Y6 Induction Evening
9 & 10	Td/IPV & Men ACWY Vaccines	2	Y6 Induction Day
10	Y9 Gailford Try	4 - 6	Silver DofE Qualifier
13 - 14	Bronze DofE Qualifier	10	Big Bang
16 - 27	Y10 Mock Exams	11	Sports Day
19	Big Bang Fair Trip NEC (Selected Y7)	15 - 17	Bugsy School Production
20	Y11 Leavers Service	18	Last Day
27	Y11 Prom		
30	Well Being Day		

Dates

Careers

Harris Church of England Academy Reaccredited with the Quality in Careers Standard

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that Harris Church of England Academy has once again been reaccredited with the prestigious Quality in Careers Standard. This national award recognises our ongoing commitment to delivering an outstanding careers education, information, advice, and guidance (CEIAG) programme for all our students.

Following a rigorous assessment, we were proud to be judged as fully meeting all the criteria for the award. The assessor identified a number of particular strengths, including our School Curriculum Plan, which features explicit labour market information (LMI) linked to developments within Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) – a model described as excellent practice.

Other highlights from the assessment include:

- Achievement of **100% across all 8 Gatsby Benchmarks**, a nationally recognised framework for good careers guidance.
- A robust whole-school monitoring and evaluation process that ensures our CEIAG provision remains responsive and effective.
- An extensive range of aspiration-raising activities, particularly for targeted groups such as SEND and Pupil Premium students.
- Students who are able to clearly articulate the wide range of career learning opportunities they experience in each Key Stage.
- A well-planned careers programme, offering diverse and engaging activities through various delivery methods.
- Strong partnerships with local businesses, enabling our students to benefit from real-world work-related learning opportunities.

This reaccreditation reflects our whole-school commitment to ensuring that every student is equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to thrive in their future education and employment.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Careers Champions, who supported the assessment process, and to all staff involved – especially our Careers Lead, Siobhan Roberson, and Careers Adviser, Anna Wilson.

As ever, we remain committed to continuous improvement and will continue to build on this success to deliver an exceptional careers programme for all our students.

Imagineering Club

At Imagineering, we support STEM learning. Hosted by Mr Bowman and Tony Conway between 15.30 and 16.30 every Thursday. With lots of projects to keep us busy: hydraulic arms, fuse testers, hand games and lots more! With lots of opportunities for bonding with friends, and what seems a once in a lifetime opportunity, as you are only taking part in Year 7. As a starting point for careers, with lots of paths leading from it! One person even works at JLR after doing Imagineering at Harris.

“At Imagineering, we have built a hydraulic arm, fuse tester, moisture tester, windmill and made a steady hand game. It has taught us skills such as soldering. We have also enhanced some of our previous skills. It has been a very fun and enjoyable experience and I get to have fun with friends.

Our teachers have helped us along the way, whilst giving guidance and support. We have been helped by our teachers Mr Bowman, Tony Conway and Mrs Bramley for extra support. These interventions have helped us when thinking about career paths, including having an employee from JLR come in and explain what she does and why she decided it would be the right career for her.

We have had a lot of fun and are very grateful for this opportunity which may help us in the future.”

Maggie and Ellen.

Junior Mathematical Challenge

On 1st May 120 of our year 7 and 8 students sat the latest UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. Across the country over 280,000 students took part.

The Junior Challenge comprises 25 multiple choice questions. Five marks are awarded for a correct answer to questions 1 to 15. Questions 16 - 25 are worth six marks if correctly answered. The maximum mark is 135.

The top 8% of students are awarded a Gold certificate with a mark of 91+. Huge congratulations to William K (year 7) who came top in our school with a mark of 96 and was awarded a Gold certificate.

The next 8% of students are awarded a Silver certificate for gaining 73+ marks. Of our students who achieved this accolade were Joe T (year 7) and Lavinia P, Dominik Z, Shu Wing H, Poojitha S, Evie W, Lekshminandana R, and Charlie P (all year 8).

The third 8% or so of students are then awarded a Bronze certificate with a score of 54+. Achieving this standard were Ranveer A, Stephen A, Treasure A-P, Eliza C, Bruce C, Olivia F, Katie G, Franek G, Harry H, Violet J, Lauren S, Niamh O, Laura P, Ollie S, Alfie S, Franklin W, Sophie R, Zahara W from Year 7 and Ronan S, Layla S-F, Elissa S, Siddhant E, Lucas P, Frederick C, Alan B, Davi P, Jack B, Lucy P, Sofia D, Imogen K, George K, Prince Victor A B, Maddie J, Alexander S, Ryan S R from Year 8.

Forty five of our students were awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate which means they are in the top 25% or 70,000 of all participating students. An amazing achievement.

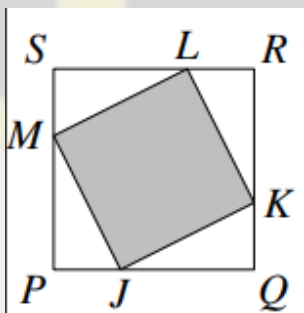
How would you do at some Junior Mathematical Challenge questions?

The question our students found the easiest:

1. What is $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10% of 20 ?
A 1 B 2 C 5 D 10 E 20

The question our students found the hardest was:

21. In the diagram, $PQRS$ and $JKLM$ are squares. Each corner of $JKLM$ is one third of the way along an edge of $PQRS$. What is the ratio of the area of $JKLM$ to the area of $PQRS$?



- A 1:2 B 5:9 C 3:5 D 4:7 E 3:4

Year 7 Football Success

Congratulations to our Y7 footballers for winning the Warwickshire County Cup in a nail biting match against Kenilworth, which took place on Tuesday, 6th May.

In a closely contested game, the Harris team showcased their skill and determination, securing a 2-1 victory.

The first half saw Harris take the lead through a well-executed corner kick, with Louie B finding the back of the net. Kenilworth, however, refused to be deterred and managed to equalise shortly after, leaving the halftime score at 1-1.

The second half was a true test of endurance, with both teams exchanging attacking plays. It was Henley M who ultimately sealed the victory for Harris, scoring the winning goal with a header in the final 10 minutes of the match.



The girls' football team played exceptionally well in their match at the Level 2 event held at Harris, showcasing skill, teamwork, and determination. Their performance was nothing short of impressive, as they dominated the game and secured a crucial victory that allowed them to advance to the next round.

Their commitment and hard work paid off, and they are now set to compete in Solihull on Thursday 12th June, where they'll aim to continue their winning streak and push even further in the tournament.

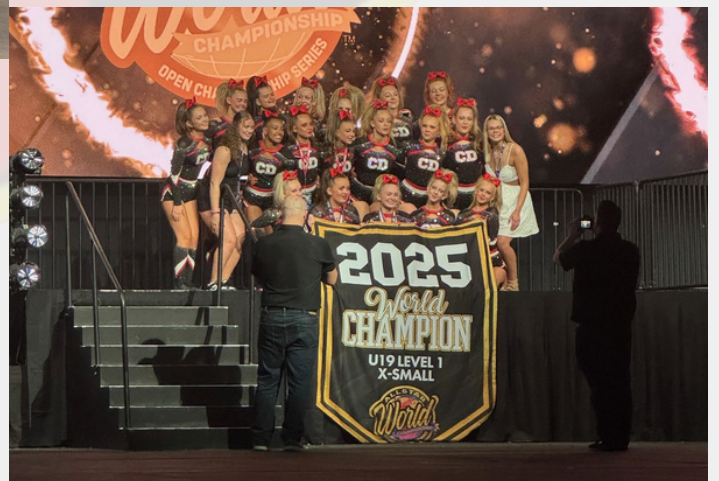


Student Praise

Please congratulate William K who competed in the Warwickshire County Athletics Championships. He won Gold in the U13 boys 200m, and Bronze in the U13 boys 100m.



Please congratulate Tilly H on her achievements in her Cheerleading.



NEED FINAL EXAM SUPPORT? PREDICTED GCSE MATHS PAPERS

2025



$$-2^{k+1} + 2)$$

$$2^{k+1}) - \sum_{k=1}^n (2^{k+1}) -$$

$$(2^k) - 2^{n+2} + 4 + 2n$$

$$2^{n+2} + 4 + 2n$$

$$2^{n+2} + 2n + 8$$

JOIN US!

SUN 11th MAY (before exam on 15th May)

4PM - 5:15PM (FOUNDATION TIER)

6PM - 7:15PM (HIGHER TIER)

SUN 1st JUNE (before exam on 4th June)

4PM - 5:15PM (FOUNDATION TIER)

6PM - 7:15PM (HIGHER TIER)

SUN 8th JUNE (before exam on 11th June)

4PM - 5:15PM (FOUNDATION TIER)

6PM - 7:15PM (HIGHER TIER)

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- ✓ MODEL ANSWERS
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Foster for Warwickshire

Are you looking after someone else's child?

This could be Private Fostering. Private Fostering is when a child or young person under 16 years old (or under 18 if disabled) goes to live with someone for 28 days or more by private arrangement with someone who is not a:

- parent
- close relative (brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent or married step parent)
- guardian or a person with parental responsibility

If you think this may be a Private Fostering arrangement please contact Warwickshire Family Connect on **01926 414144 for support and guidance.**

You can also visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privatefostering for more information on Private Fostering in Warwickshire.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance. Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
- First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents =
£1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Harris CofE Academy Sports Centre

Multi Sport Holiday Clubs for 5-12 year olds



Holiday Club 9am – 3.30pm
Early drop off from 8.15am
Late Pick up until 4.15pm

To book your place or for more information;
Email: pdm@harris.covmat.org
Phone: 01788 818925
Or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Rd, Rugby, CV22 6BB

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courses that run during holidays.
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trained

Holiday Club dates for 24/25



October Half Term 2024

Monday 28th Oct to Thurs 31st October 2024 (4 day camp)

May Half Term 2025

Tuesday 27th May to Thursday 29th May 2025 (3 day camp)

Christmas 2024

Thursday 2nd January 2025 and Friday 3rd January 2025
(2 separate day camps)

Summer 2025

Week 1 – 28th to 31st July (4 day camp)
Week 2 – 4th to 7th August (4 day camp)
Week 3 – 11th to 14th August (4 day camp)
Week 4 – 18th to 21st August (4 day camp)
Week 5 – 26th to 28th August (3 day camp)

February Half Term 2025

Monday 17th to Thursday 20th February 2025 (4 day camp)

Easter 2025

Week 1 – Mon 14th to Thurs 17th April 2025 (4 day camp)
Week 2 – Tue 22nd to Thurs 24th April 2025 (3 day camp)

Price per child

£16 per standard day (9am to 3.30pm)
£2.50 per wrap around session or £20 for complete day



Vacancies

No current vacancies.

More details can be found on our website, under NEWS / Vacancies

<https://www.harris.covmat.org/vacancies/>

Car Parking / Safety

For safeguarding reasons, when dropping children off to school or picking them up please can you not drive onto site, and if you are parking in residential streets please be respectful to the neighbours when parking, please do not park in the drive way. Also, please avoid parking in the passing bays down Harris Drive. If you are picking your child up from a detention or an extra-curricular activity after 4pm, please collect them from the front of the school as Mellish Drive gates will be closed at that time.