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Dear Parents/Carers

A Happy New Year to you all!

The term started with a group of about 20 students giving up the last day of their holiday to join staff on the training day to look at how we can improve the Academy by developing student voice, leadership and partnership working. It was a very successful day, with productive dialogue, resulting in high quality ideas that we are already beginning to implement. You will be able to find out more about our continuing work on student leadership in our forthcoming newsletter.

### **Parent Council**

Working in partnership with students and parents is crucial to the success of our young people. As well as redesigning better ways of working with students, I am setting up a Parent Council, not only as a means of listening and responding to the views of parents but also to share information and ideas about our vision and improvement planning and to open up opportunities for parents to be consulted. I would like to invite any parent/carer who is interested in being part of setting up our Parent Council to attend a short, informal meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February between 5 – 6 p.m. If you would like to attend, please inform my PA, Mrs Zena Kirk **by email only** at [z.kirk@harrisbromley.org.uk](mailto:z.kirk@harrisbromley.org.uk), giving your name, your child's name and year group.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

The law requires that parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school and are on time. Regular attendance and a focussed and punctual start to the day have a direct impact on student attitude and achievement. Even frequent one day absences cause disruption to learning and progress. It is vital that students understand the impact that poor attendance and punctuality can have on their future chances of gaining employment or further and higher education places. Please ensure that your child attends the Academy (**our expectation is for no less than 95% attendance**) and that they arrive on time and are prepared for their learning.

### **Please Ensure Your Child Is In Correct Uniform**

The Academy has clear and high expectations regarding standards of uniform. Details of our uniform requirements and post-16 Dress Code can be found on our website at [www.harrisbromley.org.uk](http://www.harrisbromley.org.uk) under 'Information' and 'Post 16'.

If students are found to be in incorrect uniform they will be required to change or remove and have confiscated any item that does not comply with our regulations. Parents will be contacted to see if the correct part of the uniform can be brought in. Items of jewellery or mobile phones, if seen or heard, will be confiscated and will only be returned to a parent or other responsible adult.

**Road Safety**

I would like to remind you of the importance of safety and concern for our neighbours and other road users when dropping off or picking up your child from the Academy. It can cause potentially dangerous situations if cars are parked on the zigzag lines or if drop off points block the road or cause a lack of visibility for pedestrians attempting to cross the road. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**Consultation on 2013/14 Admissions Arrangements**

Details regarding our consultation on 2013/14 admissions arrangements for Harris Academy Bromley can be found on our website at <http://www.harrisbromley.org.uk/48/applying-for-a-place>

If you have any comments on the draft arrangements, please send these by the end of February to [chris.randall@harrisfederation.org.uk](mailto:chris.randall@harrisfederation.org.uk) by email or write by ordinary mail to: Chris Randall, Harris Federation, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Norfolk House, Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR0 1LH.

Finally, I have attached a copy of the confirmed Academy Terms and Holiday Dates for 2012/13 which I hope you will find helpful.

Thank you for your kind attention and support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Franceschi  
Associate Principal