



Perth High School

S1

2017 – 2018

**Information for Parents & Carers
Key Dates and Contact Details**

Headteacher: Mrs Thirza Pupillo
Telephone Number: 01738 472653

School Office Telephone Number: 01738 628271

Pupil Absentee Line: 01738 472699

Welcome to Perth High School

This leaflet has been designed as a summary of the key information that Parents / Carers will need to be able to contact the school quickly. There is also a summary of the relevant dates for the year group your child is in.

Contacting the School

Please contact the School Office in the first instance **01738 628271**

Pupil Absentee Line: **01738 472699**

School email: PerthHigh@pkc.gov.uk

School web-site: <http://perthhigh.net>

Follow Perth High School on Twitter: [@PerthHighSchool](https://twitter.com/PerthHighSchool)

Parent Council Chairperson: Mrs Susan Brown: susanbrown1509@btinternet.com

Mrs Mary Shrimpton: mfshrimpton@gmail.com

Parent Teacher Association: Mrs Caroline Brown: caroline.brown99@btinternet.com

Who Should I Contact?

If you need to contact the school for any reason, this checklist will help you direct your query:

Guidance Teacher – This is the key contact for all matters relating to your child: Subjects (child's performance, subject choices, teacher issue), Bullying (physical, mental or cyber), Health concern with your child, Change of home circumstances that may impact upon your child's education and performance in school. Your child will also have the same Guidance House and Guidance Teacher as they progress through Perth High School.

Year Head - Please refer to the appropriate year head for matters which cannot be resolved by the Guidance Teacher or for matters of a serious or urgent nature.

S1 Year Head will be **Mr C Murray** Their contact number is: **01738 472649**.

They will continue to be your child's Year Head as they progress through the school.

Headteacher – for any serious matter that you believe the Headteacher must be aware of whether this has been escalated through Guidance Teacher & Year Head or not.

In this space, please note the HOUSE that your child is in. You will find the name and telephone number of the relevant Guidance Teacher on the next page.

School Guidance Team

House	Guidance Teacher	Direct Dial Telephone Number
Balmanno	Mrs Mhari Carcary	01738 472678
Elcho	Mrs Christine Ross	01738 472694
Huntingtower	Mrs Gillian Shenton	01738 472695
Kinfauns	Ms Katie Richardson	01738 474146
Pitheavlis	Mrs Heather Taylor	01738 472679

Pupil Absence

Please call the school absentee line by **9.00am** if a pupil is too unwell to attend school. If no contact is received, the school will issue a Groupcall text message to all parents whose child is not in school. Please phone in each day that your child is off. A further GROUPCALL text is sent after lunch-time should your child not turn up to class for Period 5.

On return from absence, please send in a note of explanation indicating the period of absence signed by the Parent / Carer. This should be passed to your child's Personal Support Teacher on the morning the pupil returns to school.

Notes requesting excused attendance for appointments with dentist/doctor/optician should be given to their Personal Support Teacher. Pupils will then be issued with a permission slip and this should be shown at the office as they leave for their appointment.

School Day

Personal Support	8.55am - 9.10am
Period 1	9.10am - 9.55am
Period 2	9.55am - 10.40am
Morning Interval	10.40am - 11.00am
Period 3	11.00am - 11.45am
Period 4	11.45am - 12.30pm
Period 5	12.30pm - 13.15pm
Lunch	13.15pm - 14.10pm
Period 6	14.10pm - 14.55pm
Period 7	14.55pm - 15.40pm

School Uniform

White Shirt

School Tie

Senior Ties for S5/6 pupils

Navy/Black Pullover

Navy/Black Trousers

Navy/Black Skirt

Navy/Black Blazer

School Badge on Blazer

PE Kit – white t-shirt, navy/black shorts, plain tracksuit and swim-kit

Please note the following items are **not** acceptable:

Clothing or scarves which feature football colours or other slogans, denim clothing of any colour (jeans or jackets), Sports / Training shoes and finally, hooded tops should not be worn inside the building.

The School Parent Council strongly supports our uniform policy and welcomes parental support in maintaining high standards of uniform and dress.

This leaflet contains only a summary of key information, please refer to the school handbook on the web-site for full details about Perth High School.

School Information

Learning and Teaching

As part of developing a broad, general education (BGE) in S1-S3, we expect pupils to continue to work hard across a wide range of subjects. As pupils become more knowledgeable about each subject, their overall subject preferences will develop.

Our pupils' knowledge and skills base is developing quickly in First year. It is important that pupils reinforce what they are learning through structured homework and revision at home. This will enable them to build a strong platform on which to build for future learning, as pace and challenge increases.

Parents can help enormously by regularly discussing subjects with their children and routinely checking and commenting on their classwork and homework. Giving pupils the opportunity to explain what they are learning and asking questions helps them to deepen their own understanding and retention.

Reporting to Parents

This year we are trialling some changes to our reporting systems in response to parental feedback that you would like regular contact about how your child is progressing. On the opposite page you will see our jigsaw of reporting, which outlines the number of different ways we will report to parents throughout the year – not all of these will apply to each child.

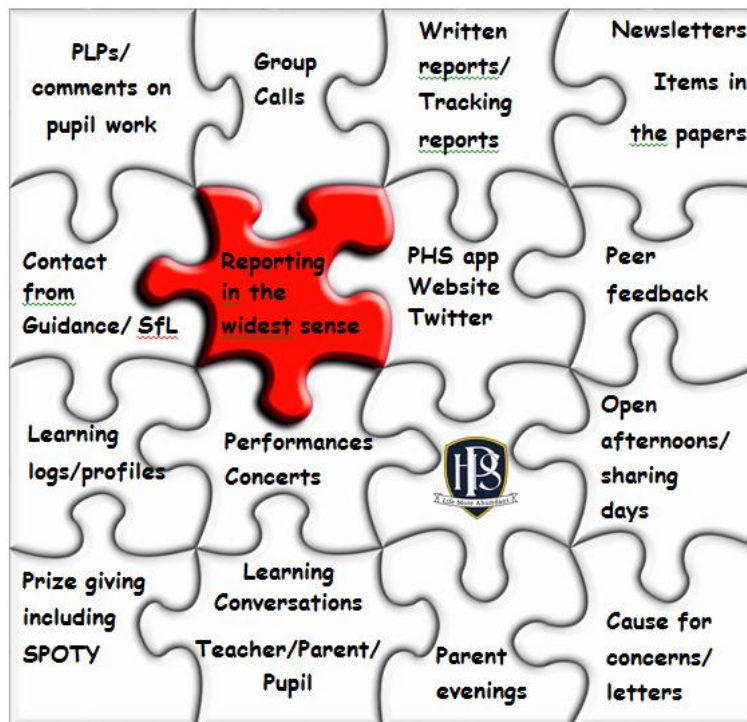
In addition pupils get feedback on their work from teachers, either in their jotters or on personal learning plans, and this also forms part of reporting on pupils' progress. Please discuss this feedback at home with your child.

In class, pupils have learning conversations with their teachers where they discuss their work and their next steps. The written report that you will receive this year will be a summary of these next steps – no more than three statements from each teacher.

As we go through this academic year, your feedback on these changes will be most welcome. Further changes may be made as we evaluate their success.

This year you will receive:

- **A freshers' evening** in September – you can come with your child to see what extra-curricular clubs are available
- **A tracking report** in September – this report will include ratings for effort, behaviour and homework
- **A curricular open evening** in October – you can visit the school with your child and they will be able to talk you through what they have been learning and show you their work
- **A tracking report** at start of February – this report will include ratings for effort, behaviour and homework
- **A parents' evening** in March
- **A progress report in May** - this report will include CfE levels for each of your child's subjects; ratings for effort, behaviour and homework and up to three statements of next steps for each subject.



The 'Reporting Jigsaw' above is an overview of all the opportunities that Perth High is now providing to parents and carers as a way of communicating children's progress and learning.

Diary Dates for Session 2017/18

2017

Tuesday 15th August	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Tuesday 29th/Wednesday 30 th August	S1 Individual Photographs/Class Photographs
Tuesday 12th September	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
Week Commencing 25 th September	Issue S1 Tracking Report
Wednesday 27th September	Fresher's Night for S1 Parents' & Pupils 6-8pm
Wednesday 4th October	PTA AGM 5-7pm
Friday 6 th October	School closes at 3.40pm for October Break
Monday 23rd October	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Thursday 26 th October	S1 Parents Evening – Curricular Evening
Thursday 16th November and Friday 17th November	In-service Training Days – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 19th December	PHS Christmas Concert 7.00pm St Ninians Cathedral
Friday 22 nd December	School closes at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays

2018

Monday 8 th January	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Wednesday 14th February	In-service Training Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 15th & Friday 16th February	Mid-term break – school closed to staff and pupils
Monday 19th February	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Thursday 22nd March	S1 Parents' Evening 5pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 29th March	School closes 3.40pm for the Easter break
Monday 16th April	In Service Training Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17th April	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Monday 7 th May	May Day Holiday
Monday 14th May	New S2 timetable begins (provisional)
Tuesday 5th June	PE Awards Evening (tbc)
Tuesday 26th June	Prize-giving – Perth Concert Hall 7.00pm (tbc)
Thursday 28th June	School closes at 12 noon for Summer Holidays
Tuesday 14th August	Pupils return to School 8.55am
	Dates of Parent Council Meetings tbc