



Perth High School

S3

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

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School email: PerthHigh@pkc.gov.uk

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

Follow Perth High School on Twitter: @PerthHighSchool

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

Year Head – for matters not resolved by the Guidance Teacher or matters of a serious or urgent nature.

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.

S3 Year Head will be **Miss Lisa Sorbie**. Her contact number is: **01738 472651**.

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.

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School Guidance Team

House	Guidance Teacher	Direct Dial Telephone Number
Balmano	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 the 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 be issued with a permission slip.

School Day

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

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.

School Information

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.

Third Year is an important year. Pupils will be working hard to complete all of the areas we cover under the broad, general education (BGE) which underpins Scottish Education (S1 –S3). They will cover many experiences and outcomes in each subject, all of which contribute to building a secure platform on which to base their future choices and studies. It is important that our pupils reinforce what they are learning through structured homework and revision at home.

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. Continuing on from second year, parents and pupils will have various opportunities to discuss options for individual course choices for the year ahead and be given more information in preparation for the Senior Phase (S4-S6).

Our pupils' knowledge and skills base is developing quickly in third 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.

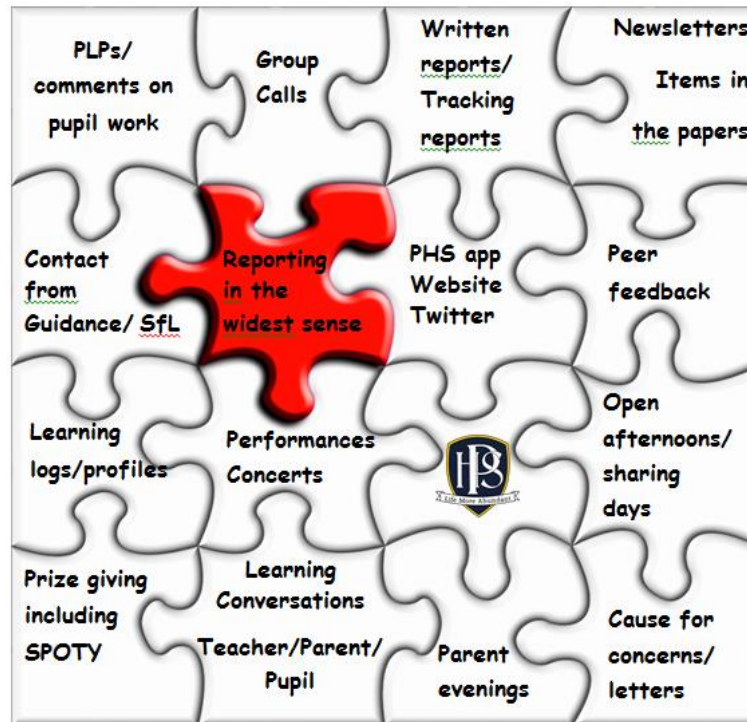
In addition pupils get feedback on their work from teachers, either in their jotters or on personal learning plans, and this also forms part of reporting on pupils' progress. Please discuss this feedback at home with your child.

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 tracking report** in September – this report will include ratings for effort, behaviour and homework
- **A parents' evening** in December
- **A tracking report** at start of February – this report will include ratings for effort, behaviour and homework
- **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. This report will also include a recommended level of course for your child for S4.



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 / 2018

2017

Tuesday 15 th August	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Tuesday 12 th September	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
Week Commencing Monday 29 th September	Issue S3 Tracking Report
Wednesday 5 th October	PTA AGM 5-7pm
Friday 6 th October	School closes at 3.40pm for October Break
Monday 23 rd October	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Thursday 16 th and Friday 17 th November	In-service Training Days – school closed to pupils
Monday 20 th November	Pupils return to school 8.55am
Wednesday 6 th December	S3 Parents Evening
Tuesday 19 th December	PHS Christmas Concert 7.00pm St Ninians Cathedral
Friday 22 nd December	School closes at 12pm for Christmas Holidays

2018

Monday 8 th January	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Week Commencing Monday 29 th January	S3 Tracking Report Issued
Wednesday 14 th February	In-service Training Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 15 th and Friday 16 th February	Mid-term break – school closed to staff and pupils
Monday 19 th February	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Thursday 29 th March	School closes 3.40pm for the Easter break
Monday 16 th April	In-service Training Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17 th April	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Monday 7 th May	May Day Holiday
Monday 14 th May	New S4 timetable begins (provisional)
Week Commencing Monday 21 st May	S3 Progress Reports Issued
Tuesday 5 th June	PE Awards Evening (tbc)
Tuesday 26 th June	Prize-giving – Perth Concert Hall 7.00pm (tbc)
Thursday 28 th June	School closes at 12 noon for Summer Holidays
Tuesday 14 th August	Pupils return to School 8.55am

All information is also available on Perth High School website