



# Perth High School

**S5/6**

**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 on 07138 628271  
Pupil Absentee Line: **01738 472699**

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Telephone Number: **01738 472653**

School email: [PerthHigh@pkc.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:susanbrown1509@btinternet.com)

Mrs Mary Shrimpton: [mfshrimpton@gmail.com](mailto:mfshrimpton@gmail.com)

Parent Teacher Association: Mrs Caroline Brown: [caroline.brown99@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

**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.

**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.

S5 Year Head will be **Mr Colin Murray**. His contact number is: **01738 472649**.

S6 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 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 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.

Senior pupils are looked up to by junior pupils and exemplary manners and the smart appearance of seniors has a positive wider influence.

## 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.

## Learning and Teaching

In fifth and sixth years, the pace of learning is significantly faster. The years are referred to as 'two term dashes' because of the speed with which the SQA examinations appear on the horizon. Young people need to be rigorous in dedicating time to regular, and in depth, study and revision. Their year needs to be planned, with time allocated to meet the individual subject deadlines. They need to routinely research, reinforce and think deeply about what they are learning in class. High levels of attendance are vital and students must catch up on any work they miss.

Fifth year courses are fast paced and require a great deal of learning and skills development. Our experience is that those who plan and keep up with their work, as well as those who communicate openly and regularly with their teachers, are significantly more likely to succeed. Fifth year is a controlled year, with limited scope for too many other activities, however, building in space for leisure and relaxation is also essential.

Sixth year provides a real opportunity to secure and develop learning at an advanced level, and again, adhering to strict deadlines will reap significant rewards. Sixth year can also offer an opportunity to fill in gaps in qualifications and to offer a time for some catch up for those who have perhaps misjudged earlier years.

In both S5 and S6, young people should also enjoy the opportunity to fully develop their talents through all the other activities Perth High School can offer, such as in sports, music, drama or Duke of Edinburgh Awards. These years are very fast moving and active. The pace of change is breath taking, but those who throw themselves into it with clear planning, dedication and hard work reap enormous rewards and a huge amount of pleasure.

Parents can help enormously by taking time to discuss what each young person is studying and reading their essays and dissertations. Approaches to study can vary significantly and young people should be free to experiment and find out what works for them. Often young people work well together if a structured opportunity exists for this to happen. Explaining things to other people helps them to deepen and reinforce their understanding.

All the evidence suggests that having mobile phone, social media and internet **free** study times, helps young people to raise their grades by a substantial margin.

## 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.

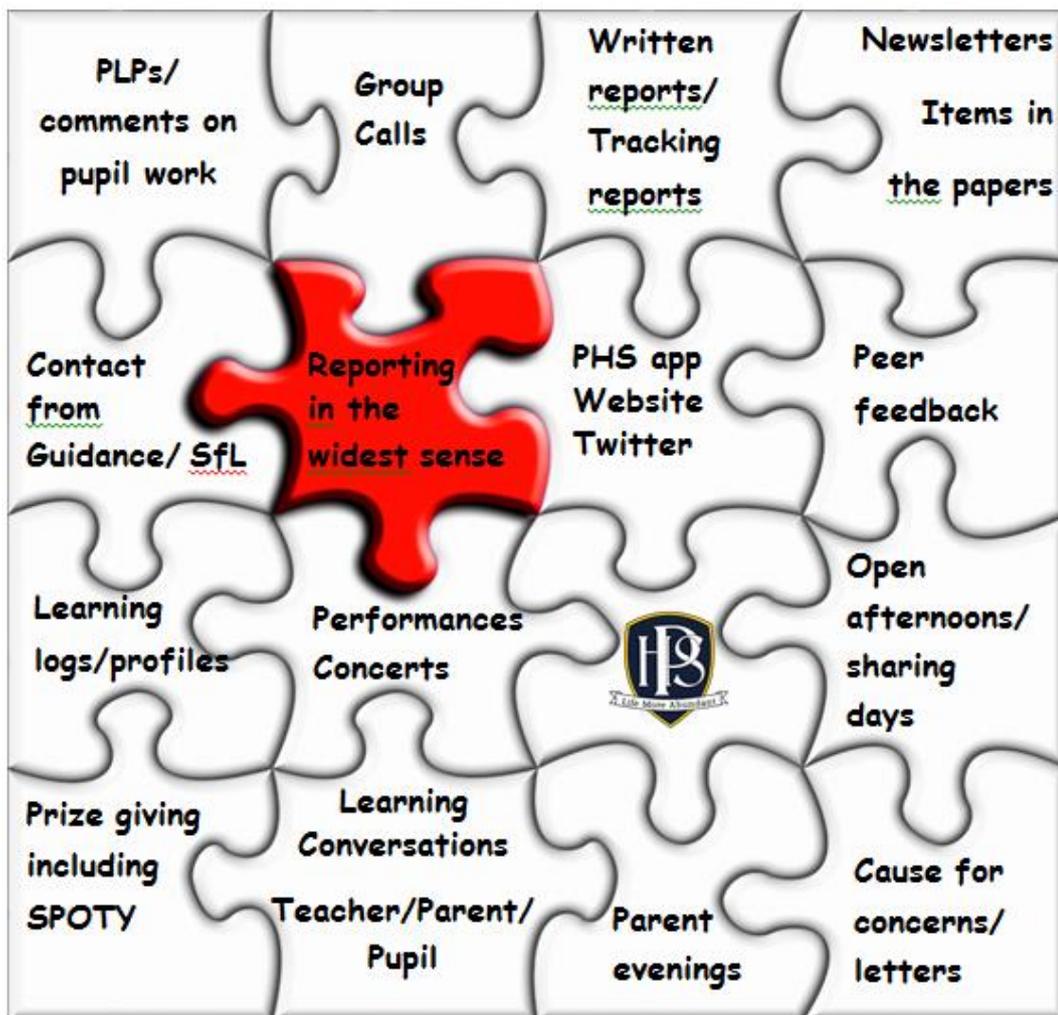
In addition pupils get feedback on their work from teachers, either in their jotters or on personal learning plans, and this also forms part of reporting on pupils' progress. Please discuss this feedback at home with your child.

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 target grades for each of your child's subjects and ratings for effort, behaviour and homework
- **A progress report** at the start of December - this report will include working grades for each of your child's subjects; ratings for effort, behaviour and homework and up to three statements of next steps for each subject
- **A parents' evening** in February
- **A prelim report** mid February - this report will include working grades for each of your child's subjects; ratings for effort, behaviour and homework and the results of their prelim for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses.



*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 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	S6 Individual Photographs
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	S6 Class Photographs
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	College/UCAS Evening 7pm for S5/6 parents
Week Commencing Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	S5/6 Tracking Reports Issued
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA AGM 5-7pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes at 3.40pm for October Break
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	In-service Training Days – school closed to pupils
Week Commencing Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	S5/6 Progress Reports Issued
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Concert 7.00pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes at 12pm for Christmas Holidays

### 2018

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	S5/6 Prelims begin
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	S5/6 Prelims end
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	S5/6 Parents Night
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	In-service Training Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-term break – school closed to staff and pupils
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Week Commencing Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	S5/6 Prelim Report Issued
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes at 3.40pm for Easter Break
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	In-service Training Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	SQA Examinations Begin
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Holiday
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	SQA Examinations End
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	PE Awards evening (tbc)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers Day (tbc)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Prom (tbc)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Prize-giving – Perth concert Hall 7.00pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes at 12 noon for Summer Holidays
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Pupils return to School 8.55am

**All information is also available on Perth High School website**