



January 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Staffing

We have a number of new staff taking up appointment this term and I would like to welcome them to the school and introduce them to you. We welcome Ms Ly into Maths, Ms Smith in Chemistry, Ms Lavigne in English, Mrs James in Music, Ms High in Modern Languages. I would like to thank Ms Richardson PT Guidance and Mrs Inger in English for their service at Perth High School over the years and wish them well in their new positions. Later in January we will also welcome Mr Kirk into the Guidance team. Mr Millar and Mrs O'Neil have now taken up their positions as our Pupil Care and Welfare Officers.

Key dates

11/1/18	S4 Parents' Evening
S4 survey	https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S4Parents2018
24/1/18	Parent Council
7/2/18 S5/6	Parents' Evening
14/2/18	Staff In-service day
15/2/18 & 16/2/18	Holidays
20/2/18	S2 Parents' Evening
7/3/18	Parent Council
22/3/18	S1 Parents' Evening

The school closes at 3.40pm on 29/3/18 for the Easter Break and reopens to pupils on Tuesday 17/4/18.

PHS Values

As mentioned in the December Newsletter we are looking for parental volunteers to join a short life action group to help promote our school values. I highlighted these values at our New Year Assemblies this week. We "ARE" Perth High School. The "ARE" standing for our values Ambition, Respect and Equity. Please contact me if you are interested in joining this group.

Assessments

The S5/6 prelims start on Monday and as part of our ongoing assessment procedures S3 pupils are undertaking the New Standardised Assessments this month. If you would like more information about this please click on the link below.

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>

SQA Examinations begin on 30th April and timetables are available on the SQA website and are also displayed in school. This will be a very busy term for pupils and staff, with the completion of assessments, portfolios and dissertations. Pupils will be given details of the due dates for such assignments from individual departments and it is essential that these are adhered to.

Late coming

We have recently implemented new procedures in an effort to increase attendance and improve punctuality across the school. Part of this involves identifying patterns of late coming and investigating if there is anything we can do as a school to support our young people and families in arriving in school and in class on time. Should your child be late to school they will be asked to sign in at the senior concourse area and will be issued with a late slip which will allow them entry to their class. If your child is transported to school by a contract bus and this arrives late then this is obviously beyond their control. Contract bus pupils will still be required to attend the senior concourse area but will be issued with a blue 'late bus' slip instead of a green 'late' slip. As transport is arranged by the local authority for these young people and it is late, they will not be marked as late. We appreciate your support in helping us by encouraging your son or daughter to be up, ready and arriving to school in plenty of time. Young people who start to develop a pattern of late coming will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss possible solutions and any support the school can offer going forward. If you would like to discuss any aspect of these new procedures please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Business Partnership Event

Perth High School is holding a Business Partnership Event on **Friday 23rd February 2018 from 2.30 to 3.30 pm**. We are committed to building employer partnerships to enable us to develop and support our pupils as they plan for, or transition to, the workplace or further study and bring education and business together.

This event is an opportunity to thank our existing partners for their ongoing support, welcome new partners to join us and provide a networking opportunity. Guests will meet school staff and hear from employers and young people already involved.

If you would like more information or would like to be involved in this please contact Mrs A Martin by **Friday 2nd February 2018** contact details as follows AMartin@pkc.gov.uk

Our news

Throughout the term we will continue to post our news on the school website, APP and the following links on twitter.

On the web

<http://perthhigh.net>

on the Perth High APP

on twitter

@PerthHighSchool (main one)

@PerthHigh_Maths

@SciChemPHS

@phsart_design1

@PerthHigh_PTA

@EnglishPhs

@perthhighsci

@PHSModStud

@Perthhigh_pe

@PerthHighSTEM

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On behalf of Perth High School, may I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Theresa Pupillo.