



# Perth High School

## S3

### 2019 – 2020

**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

Headteacher: Mrs Thirza Pupillo Email: [perthhigh@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:perthhigh@pkc.gov.uk)  
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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@outlook.com](mailto:susanbrown1509@outlook.com)  
Mrs Mary Shrimpton: [mfshrimpton@gmail.com](mailto:mfshrimpton@gmail.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, and 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 and Year Head or not.

**S3 Year Head** will be **Mr Colin Murray**. His contact number is: **01738 628271**.

**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	Mr Gareth Kirk	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 6.

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
<b>Morning Interval</b>	<b>10.40 - 11.00</b>
Period 3	11.00 - 11.45
Period 4	11.45 - 12.30
Period 5	12.30 - 13.15
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>13.15 - 14.10</b>
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. Pupils should also be encouraged to ask teachers for help and further explanation when they do not understand or follow anything in class.

## **Reporting to Parents**

Last year we trialled 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.

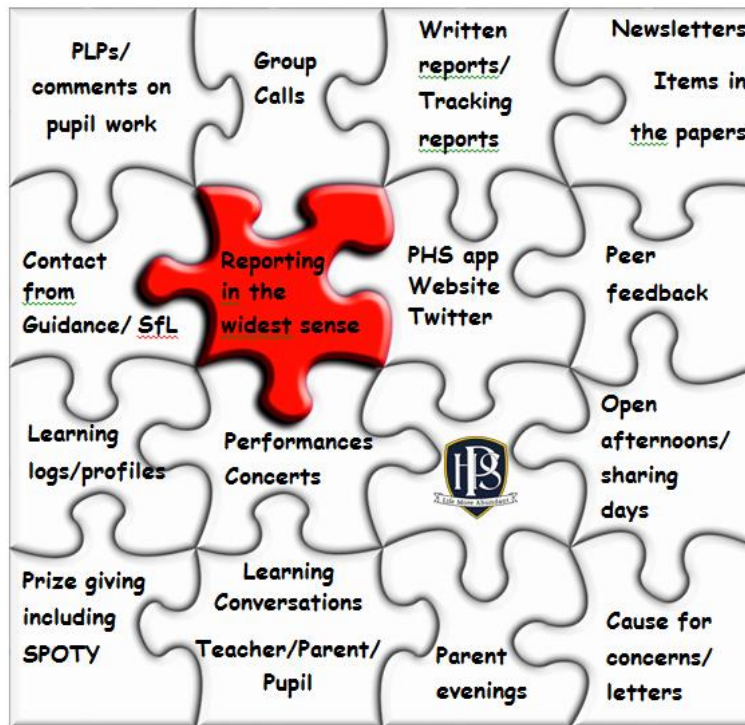
In addition pupils get feedback on their work from teachers, either in their jotters or on personal learning plans, and this also forms part of reporting on pupils' progress. Please discuss this feedback at home with your child.

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.

Further changes may be made as we evaluate their success.

This year you will be invited to or receive:

- **A tracking report** in September – this report will include ratings for effort, behaviour and homework
- **A progress report** in June - 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.
- **A parents' evening** in November
- **A tracking report** in February – this report will include ratings for effort, behaviour and homework



*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 2019 / 2020

### 2019

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Parent Council AGM 7pm
Week Commencing Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Issue S3 Tracking Report
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>School closes at 3.40pm for October Break</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>In-service Training Days – school closed to pupils</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Pupils return to School 8.55am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	S3 Parents Evening
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>In-service Training Days – school closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	PHS Christmas Concert 7.00pm St Ninians Cathedral
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes at 12pm for Christmas Holidays</b>

### 2020

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to School 8.55am
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>In-service Training Day – school closed to pupils</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Mid-term break – school closed to staff and pupils</b>
Week commencing 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Issue S3 Tracking Report
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>School closes 3.40pm for the Easter break</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to School 8.55am
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Day Holiday</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	New S4 timetable begins
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>In-service Training Day – school closed to pupils</b>
Week commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Issue S3 Progress Report
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Awards Ceremony – Concert Hall
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>School closes at 12 noon for Summer Holidays</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Pupils return to School 8.55am
	*Dates of Parent Council Meetings tbc*

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