

Perth Grammar

Update Newsletter w/c 27th March 2017

Happy Easter – Enjoy the Spring break

The school closes at 3.35pm on Friday 31st March and pupils return to school at 8.50am on Wednesday 19th April.

Friday 31st March is a dress as you please day, costing £1. All proceeds will go to Comic Relief and MacMillan Cancer Care. Pupils should wear either red for Comic Relief or Black and Orange, the colours of Tough Mudder, which some of our teachers are taking part in to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Care.

Dear Parents/Carers

As term 3 draws to a close, Spring is certainly in the air as is the prospect of the SQA exam diet! For our senior phase pupils, we have once again offered an Easter revision programme to support study. Meanwhile for pupils in the Broad General Education years (S1-3), longer days await and there are many great things going on in and around Perth & Kinross over the holidays. Our Twitter feed @PerthGrammar often likes or retweets what's going on in our local area. This year we are piloting 'Children's University' with S1 and Mr Martin, PT PE, led a great introductory assembly on this last week.

Reflecting on the last couple of months, we were delighted to be awarded 'Recognition of Commitment' on our Rights Respecting Schools journey. This will prove to be pivotal for our learning community as we move forwards in supporting our young people to truly become responsible citizens with a clear understanding of rights and respect based on The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Undoubtedly, such an ethos will help to reassert our values of 'Pride, Respect, Ambition'. Last month our local authority termly visit focussed on the good progress that we are making with our whole school improvement plan. We also had a bi-annual visit from our Attainment Advisor to start considering possible priorities with regards to forthcoming Pupil Equity Funding.

The school library has been kept extra busy hosting the polling station for the Scottish Youth Parliament election, promoting World Book Day as well as Shakespeare Week! Scottish Apprenticeship Week also brought to Perth Grammar yet another opportunity for our young people to meet employers, training providers and Perth College UHI as we embed Careers Management Skills into practice. Fifteen *My World of Work Ambassadors* have been appointed to also support this.

As ever, we had many pupil successes including outstanding achievements from S1 basketball girls; Perform in Perth (music) and a winning combination in the Perth Schools hockey team. Looking beyond the school, we had a lively team building event in preparation for the Tanzania Perth Grammar/Vine Trust Trip later this year and a fantastic ski trip to Pila.

Please remember we are always looking for ways to enhance parental engagement and I would welcome hearing from members of our parent body on any thoughts as to how we can continue to develop this important aspect of our work with a view to supporting family learning. In the meantime, on behalf of Perth Grammar School, I wish all of our families a very pleasant Easter.

Best wishes,
Fiona Robertson
Head Teacher

Pupil Successes: click [here](#) for information.

Parent Council: Minutes of the last meeting on 9th March can be found [here](#). The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th April.

Pupil Absence: The absence form has been withdrawn from our website as it was being abused by some pupils. Please report absences by calling the Pupil Absence Line on **01738 472888**.

Prizegiving Trophies: could anyone who received a trophy last year please return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Pupil Support Update: From the new timetable on 15th May, our Pupil Support Structure will ensure that all three Principal Teachers Pupil Support (Guidance) will have a full overview of their Houses. Within each House, the PTG will be supported by three Pupil Support Teachers with a focus on Support for Learning, Behaviour and Enhanced Provision. There will also continue to be a Depute Head Teacher link. For many young people this means no change however, pupils currently assigned to Miss Wilson, Mr Cameron or Miss Auld, will move to Mr Hunter (Earn), Mrs McCowan (Lomond) [Mr Cameron on a Wednesday (day tbc)], and Miss Stevenson (Almond) respectively. Pupils continue to be allocated a Pupil Support Teacher too who they see twice per week.

S1/2 Take Your Child to Work Day: This is taking place on Thursday 27th April 2017. Consent forms were given to pupils by their Personal Support Teacher and these must be returned to the school office by Friday 31st March if you wish your child to take part. Parent and Employer information can be viewed [here](#).

S4-6 Easter Study School: Once again we are offering study support sessions during the Easter holidays in a number of subjects, please click [here](#) for timetable. This is a limited offer based on the ability of teaching staff to give up their holiday time to provide this additional input prior to the SQA exams. It is usually very well attended and appreciated and we would encourage your child to sign up using the online survey, click [here](#) to access, or by completing a form which they can obtain either from their PS teacher or from the school office. Pupils should also make sure that they have indicated their intentions to attend to each of their teachers. Please note that there are also study sessions available at Perth College for Higher Maths and English as follows:

Higher Maths: 3rd – 7th April 1-4 pm £75.00

Higher English: 3rd – 6th April 5-9pm £75.00

Further information can be obtained from Maureen Paris, Perth College UHI on 01738 877704.

S4-6 Exam Information: Individual timetables for the upcoming diet of exams will be handed out to pupils during Personal Support on Friday. Many of our exam times have changed from the timetable shown on the SQA website so please do not refer to this – your child’s personal timetable will be correct.

Student Bursaries: Please click the links below for more information and how to apply.

- [Robertson Trust Scholarship Bursaries – For REACH and ACES students applying to Dundee University](#) **Closing Date: 31/3/17**
- [The Guildry Incorporation of Perth - Education Bursaries](#) **Closing Date: 18/8/17**
- [Glasgow Perthshire Charitable Society – Student Bursary 2017](#) **Closing Date: 1/6/17**

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College/University News: Please click [here](#) for information.