

Perth Grammar

Update Newsletter w/c 30th October 2017

P6/7/S1 Open Evening: Many thanks to our many families who came along to the open evening on Wednesday 25th October. There was a great turnout and the event was very well received following the recent Roadshow events. Parental engagement is key to the future success of Perth Grammar School and we are always receptive to ideas from anyone willing to participate or help us to lead key developments in order to support our children and young people.

Parent Council: The next parent council meeting takes place on Tuesday 7th November at 6.30pm. The agenda for the meeting will be in next week's bulletin.

School Photographs: These have now arrived in school and will be delivered to Personal Support classes for distribution to pupils on Friday.

Challenge to Change: VOTE FOR US! Following the Harvey Weinstein story in the media, everyone is talking more about gender equality and society's attitude to men and women, boys and girls. It just so happens that Perth Grammar pupils are already a big part of this global conversation. Together with pupils from Perth High, they are organising a major Equality Conference called 'Challenge to Change' at Perth Concert Hall on Friday 9th March. They have already planned the day and have invited an exciting range of high profile speakers and leaders. Pupils from across Perth and Kinross will be invited to attend for a fun day of activities to make them think and maybe even change their mindset about respect and equality. However, they need funding to make it a real success and so **YOUR VOTE** for them in the Aviva Community Fund is needed. Please give them your votes! [Click here >>](#)

Bertha Park High School: Here is the link to the new Bertha Park High School Project web page on the Council's website. Content will be added on an ongoing basis by Perth and Kinross Council. <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/19900/Bertha-Park-High-School-Project-Building-a-New-Community>

As you will be aware, Perth Grammar School will host the first year intake for this development during session 2018/19.

Generations working together: A warm welcome to our new *Generations Working Together (GWT)* Development Officer Maureen O'Reilly who is now *in situ* at the school on Thursdays and Fridays. Maureen is leading an intergenerational project to recruit older volunteers to work with students throughout the school in a variety of projects from Eco Gardening, to book clubs and writing poetry to cooking food. She is looking for older people to volunteer, to join the team to help improve students' attainment in literacy and numeracy through lots of innovative ideas. This is a great opportunity with benefits for our whole school learning community. Training will be provided for volunteers in intergenerational awareness, child protection and the school environment. If you have

a parent/grandparent/friend who would flourish working with our students please contact Maureen O'Reilly:

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You can find out more about *Generations Working Together* here:

W: www.generationsworkingtogether.org

F: www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether

T: <https://twitter.com/generationswt>

Celebrating success: click [here](#) for information of recent pupil successes.

S1-6 Pupils: AK Bell Library is having a Jump into Libraries event on Saturday 4th November 10am – 1pm to promote their digital services, including their amazing 3D printer. Between 10.30 and 11.45am the PKC GIRFEC Officer, Catriona Laing will be hosting a free session aimed at parents and carers discussing the best ways in which to keep children and young people safe online. The session is free but space is limited. For more information regarding this event you can contact the AK Bell library at lending@culturepk.org.uk or telephone 01738 444949.

S4 Parents Evening: This is taking place on Tuesday 14th November from 4.45-7pm. We use an online booking system for parents to make appointments. Click [here](#) for more details. If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

S4-6 Information Evening: We would like to invite you to attend our S4-6 Information Evening entitled *Employing Our Strengths* on Wednesday 22nd November in Perth Grammar School. The event will begin at 6pm and take the form of workshops which will run in classrooms around the Assembly Hall. Each workshop will be run by outside providers and will last for 30 minutes. Parents are free to choose workshops on the night. Topics will include careers in the Oil Industry; applying to University; Foundation Apprenticeships; Modern Apprenticeships; Perth College UHI and Dundee and Angus College; and support available from Skills Development Scotland. Parents will be able to come and talk to Principal Teachers of every subject from 6pm until 7:30pm in the assembly hall in place of a workshop. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

S4 Girls: S4 girls who have a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths? Let us Inspire them at a three day course at a leading UK university. Each Inspire course is a mixture of exciting hands-on activities, project work and personal development sessions. Anyone with an interest in creativity and problem solving can have a rewarding career in STEM. Find out more about Inspire and apply here: [Inspire courses](#). The [Inspire flyer](#) will give you more details.

S4-6 Pupils: If you are interested in a career in the Army there is availability on a Residential Work Experience Week running from 27 Nov – 1 Dec at Castle Law, Edinburgh. The Work Experience week is a great opportunity for students to find out more about careers in the Army, although they do not need to be interested in the Army to attend. During the week they will have the opportunity to develop teamwork and leadership skills, confidence and physical fitness. If you are interested please see Mr Cameron in Guidance.

S4-6 Pupils-Science Summer School: This is a FREE week long course aimed at school students between the ages of 16-18 years who are pursuing a career in science. Run at Edinburgh Zoo or the Highland Wildlife Park over the summer, this is an excellent opportunity for students to gain more experience in research, add to their CV, work with specialist zoo vets, and have fun! They will also have the opportunity to gain a Silver CREST Award through the British Science Association. Click [here](#) for more information.

Skills Development Scotland workshops: Please click [here](#) for information on these workshops

S4-6 Jobs News: Click [here](#) for more information

University News: click [here](#) for information

Wider Curriculum Club: Please click [here](#) for information on Lunch time and after school clubs.

In-service Days: We would like to remind parents that the school will be closed for the in-service days on Thursday 16th & Friday 17th November.