

# Perth Grammar

## Update Newsletter w/c 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Christmas Concert:** Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Concert which takes place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. They are priced at £5 for adults and £4 for Concessions (OAP, Pupils, and Students). These can be bought from the school office.

**Parent Council:** Minutes of the last meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December can be viewed [here](#). The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018. If you would like to contribute to the Parent Council raffle taking place at the school's Christmas Concert on Tuesday 19th December donations can be handed into the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

**School Bus Service 614:** Due to resurfacing works taking place on Kirkhill Road, Almondbank, Stagecoach Service 14 &14A, and School Journey Service 614 will be **unable** to serve the Lumsden Crescent loop between **Monday, 11 December and Friday, 15 December 2017 inclusive**. Passengers wishing to use this service for travel should board their bus at the bus stop located outside Bridgeton Stores on Bridgeton Brae. **For further information please contact:** Stagecoach Perth on 01738 629339 or the Public Transport Unit on 0345 3011130.

**Uniform Focus Week Update:** The Senior Leadership Team visited classes across all year groups last week and we are pleased to report that pupils have responded to this well by improving standards. Our main challenge is trainers with branding. We would value if this could be addressed with the support of home. Leggings and black jeans should also be replaced with black trousers or skirt. Thank you to the vast majority of our families who cooperate with this matter. Smart uniform is a reflection of our school value 'pride'. We will repeat a uniform focus early next term and contact will be made with home where we find no improvement when compared to the data collated on this occasion. Details on whether you are eligible for a school clothing grant can be found [here](#).

**Perth Grammar Community Trust (formerly known as Perth Grammar Sports Trust):** The Perth Grammar Community Trust is a registered charity set up in 2007 as the Sports Trust to encourage sport, health and well-being in the community. Since then it has supported a wide range of projects including the Climbing Wall and the Friday Night Club. After 10 years loyal service, the Chair and former head of PE, Mike Edwards, decided to resign and let someone else take up the reins. It was then decided to reform the Trust to make it not just about Sport. The newly formed PGCT had its first meeting at the end of November. The purpose of the Trust is to serve the school community by carrying out activities which help its members to flourish. The Trust will promote positive health and well-being while at the same time encouraging our young people to understand their role in improving their community. By working together with our partners in the community we believe there will be benefits both for the young people of Perth Grammar and the other members of the community.

So... we are looking for new members! If you are interested in becoming a Trustee or even taking on a leading role in promoting the work of the Trust then please contact us.

**Learner Pathways:** As we approach Christmas, we are already planning our curriculum and timetable for next year. Every pupil from S1-S5 will be making choices for their next steps in learning. We will provide detailed information to parents for each year group as and when appropriate. Here is a summary for each year group:

- S1 - Pupils will make a choice of a Wider Achievement elective for S2 – Information will be issued in January.
- S2 - Detailed Pathways information will be issued on 19<sup>th</sup> December with the S2 Report. The final date for return of this information is 9<sup>th</sup> February – after the S2 parents meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February.
- S3 - Full information for progression into S4 is issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> February with the S3 Report. However, pupils will discuss their initial choices in January in Social Education. The final date for return is 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- S4/5 - Information for moving into S5/6 will be issued on 13<sup>th</sup> February. Final date for return, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Please contact Mr Farrell if you would like to discuss any aspect of these processes.

**SmartSTEM – Visit to Perth College:** STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December around 30 S1 girls will be visiting Perth College for the day to take part in a SmartSTEM event - an interactive conference full of engaging speakers, hands on workshops and an industry exhibitor fayre. The college is keen to encourage girls to be enthusiastic about STEM subjects now and in their future career. Pupils will arrive at school as normal and will be accompanied by Mrs Finnie and Mrs Cook, walking to the College. They will also be accompanied back to school at the end of the day in time for school transport. Please make sure your child's permission slip has been completed or they will not be able to attend.

**S6 Winter Ball:** Final preparations for the winter ball on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December are underway. Pupils will attend a briefing on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December when expectations for a formal function will be shared. A letter has also been emailed to all S6 parents.

**Senior Pupils:** Perth Museum and Art Gallery are running a Digital Art Workshop on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December as part of the response to the **Monarch of the Glen** painting being in Perth until 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. This event is aimed at pupils aged 16+. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**S4-6 Jobs News:** Please click [here](#) for information.

**S4-6 College/University news:** Please click [here](#) for information.

**Emergency Closure:** Please click [here](#) for information.