

Perth Grammar

Update Newsletter w/c 26th August 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Week one was a big success for our new first year pupils who seem to be settling in nicely. We also saw our S4-S6 engage in Senior Phase Induction days focusing on key themes of leadership, teamwork, skills for life as well as health and wellbeing. These days were heavily supported by our main strategic partnership Robertson Group along with Rolls Royce and The British Army. The programme has been well received by our young people ahead of them embarking on, and now fully committing to, their planned pathways for the year.

At Perth Grammar School we are committed to ensuring our learners achieve as highly as possible and alongside this it is important to some for us to provide indications of our attainment. Session 2018/19 saw a 3% increase in S4 pupils achieving 5 at SCQF Level 5 and above to 30%. S5 pupils achieving 5 at SCQF Level 6 and above was on a par with 2016/17 levels (12%). We will continue to strive towards raising attainment however, at the same time we must ensure that we are committed to modernising our curriculum based on the work that we have undertaken on the SCQF to date and to ensuring that we have a Senior Phase that offers flexibility, choice, employability and a greater focus on applying learning to real-life situations following on from a progressive Broad General Education. Please find attached a copy of our three year improvement cycle and improvement plan for session 2019-20.

On Friday, weather permitting, we have our whole school photograph. This is always a special occasion and something that we're committed to doing every three years. The standard of school uniform has been very good and we look forward to capturing as many of the school team as possible representing Perth Grammar School with Pride, Respect and Ambition.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Robertson
Head Teacher

Letters: On the first day back pupils should have brought home a number of letters to be completed. These should to be returned to Tutor Time Teachers or the school reception by Friday 30th August.

Whole School Photograph: this is being taken this Friday, 30th August. Pupils should go to their Tutor Time Classes at 08:50 on Friday morning where instructions will be given. Pupils **MUST** wear a white shirt and school tie and will be asked to remove any tops, jumpers or cardigans.

Parent Council Information: At PGS we have an active Parent Council but we would like to encourage more parents to get involved. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th September at 6.30pm followed by the Annual General Meeting. All parents are invited to attend.

Lego Challenge Club: this takes place on Tuesday lunchtimes in C20. It is open to anyone with an interest in construction, design, problem solving and the creative industries. We make a different mega-challenge every week! Past challenges have included New York, Titanic (and the iceberg!), Smaug the Dragon, Disney castles and Fantastic Beasts. You may bring your lunch.



S1 Show My Homework is an online tool to help support your child's homework. Show My Homework will allow you to see the details of the tasks your child has been set, all their deadlines and their submission status and grades. You will be provided with login details to your personal account which is linked to your child's homework calendar where you will be able to see your child's 'To-do' list. These logins will be given to your child next week to allow you to access the system.

Education Maintenance Allowance: Children born on or between 01/03/2000 and 29/02/2004 can apply for Academy Year 2019/20 Education Maintenance Allowance online at

<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/ema>

School terms and holidays 2019-20: The holidays for this academic year can be viewed [here](#).

School Absence Line: Please call 01738 472888 before 9am to advise if your child will be absent for any reason.