

# Perth Grammar

## Update Newsletter w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

**S1/2 Take your Child to Work Day:** this is taking place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. More information can be found [here](#).

**Exam Information:** Individual exam timetables were handed out to pupils on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Pupils must check their exam entries to make sure all are correct and raise any problems as soon as possible via Mr Reid, DHT.

**Study leave:** All S4 pupils sitting **three or more** N5 examinations and all S5 & S6 pupils shall be granted full study leave starting from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April for four full weeks, returning on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

For pupils who have **less than three** N5 examinations, the expectation is, they will be in school as normal and follow a bespoke learning programme that will support the development of their Skills for Life, Learning & Work. However, where they have an examination they will be granted three days study in advance of each examination and the examination day.

Throughout this full period, pupils are of course expected to wear school uniform. For those with part or full exam leave it is essential that should a pupil wish to meet with one of their teachers that they plan this in advance and sign into the school office and must be wearing school uniform. This is to avoid any disappointment e.g. if a member of staff is unavailable and to assist with Health & Fire Safety. At no point should any pupil in the Senior Phase be present in either of the ground floor social areas during class times as the school will be operating as normal. A copy of the letter emailed to parents last term can be found [here](#).

**S4-6 Leavers:** Any S4 /5 who are leaving and all of S6 are required to complete a leaver's form. This is to allow us to collate statistical information on leaver destinations. S6 pupils were given these will during Assembly last week. For S4/5 leavers they need to come to the school reception to get one.

**Celebrating Success:** Congratulations to S5 pupil David Spark who successfully completed his National Pool Lifeguard Qualification course in the first week of the Easter holidays.

**New S5 pupils:** The Brightest Watts Summer Week is a relaxed and informal way for new S5 pupils to learn more about university life. Staying on Heriot Watt Edinburgh Campus in university accommodation means you get the best opportunity to find out what it is like to be a real life university student. You will get your own en-suite room and all meals provided. If you are interested more information can be found [here](#).

**S4 Work Experience (current S3):** In September 2019 all S4 pupils are being offered the opportunity to source a one week work experience placement commencing **16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. This is an excellent chance for pupils to build the skills of learning, life and work and gain an insight into the workplace. It is hoped that we can enlist the support of parents/carers to work alongside the pupils

in seeking out a work placement that is relevant and meaningful to their needs. Initially we are asking the pupils, with the support of parents and family, to attempt to identify a suitable work placement. Once a placement has been identified the prospective employer is required to complete the [Self Found Form](#) to satisfy health and safety legislation. It will be the responsibility of the pupil to ensure the return of this completed paperwork by **Friday 10 May 2019**. This is to allow the staff the appropriate period of time to overtake visits which ensure the safety of pupils in the workplace prior to them going out on placement. **We have been informed by the Perth and Kinross Work Experience Team that no late applications will be accepted by them.** Therefore all completed Self Found Forms should be returned to Guidance by **Friday 10 May 2019**.

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

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

**Student Bursaries:** The Guildry Incorporation of Perth will again be offering bursaries to students about to pursue, or pursuing full-time post-school courses. More information can be found [here](#) on eligibility and how to apply.

**Faculty of Advocates Open Day:** This will be held on Monday 6 May 2019 from 10.00am-5.00pm. S5-S6 school pupils are invited to attend. The aim of this Open Day is to give those interested in a career in advocacy the opportunity to learn more about the Scottish bar, admission to the Faculty, and the work that Advocates do. The day will include tours of Parliament House, Edinburgh, a talk from the Director of Training and Education, and seminars and workshops with practising Advocates. Lunch will be provided. Those interested in attending the Open Day should complete the attached application, and submit it to the Dean's Secretariat ([deans.secretariat@advocates.org.uk](mailto:deans.secretariat@advocates.org.uk)) by Wednesday 24 April at 5.00pm at the latest.

**Exploring Careers in Healthcare Event:** This evening event, aimed at students in S1/2/3 will be structured around 4 talks, from Medical, Nursing, Dentistry as well as Life Science Students, focusing on the breadth of career options within each field. During the halfway break, we are going to run a variety of interactive 'Stalls', each focused around a career allied to Healthcare. For this we are hoping to invite as wide a variety of careers as possible.

This event will be run on the 15th of May, 6-8.30pm in the Ninewells Medical School, with registration for the event opening on 8/4/19. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis to eligible pupils, and will be limited. We appreciate that some of these students may be considerably younger than previous students we have worked with, so would like to invite parents/guardians of students (although ask that this is limited to 2 per student) We have an on-line application form and the link to this is <https://forms.gle/AYMvU8ZfPjYUxGf6> We anticipate that spaces for this event will fill quickly.

**Changing lives, care opportunities' forum 2:** This is being held at Perth College UHI on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 11am – 1pm. More information can be found [here](#).

**Culture Perth & Kinross** are launching the first Soutar Festival later this month – more information can be found here <https://www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on/soutar-festival/>

**Tayside Parenting Strategy Events:** Various events are being held in the area during March and April – more information can be found [here](#).

**Prizegiving Trophies:** If you received a trophy at last year's Prizegiving can you please return it to the school reception as soon as possible.

**Replacement Bus Passes:** These are no longer available from the school and must be applied for online using this link <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17284/Schools-transport-and-trips>

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

**May Day Holiday:** The school will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.