



# GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

The December Newsletter was uploaded to the News section of the school website, on Wednesday 5 December.

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I hope you enjoy reading our December Newsletter and take pride in the significant achievements of our pupils.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Winter Charity Appeal;</li><li>✓ Anti-Bullying Pledge</li><li>✓ Parent Council, PTA updates</li><li>✓ National Anti-Bullying Week 2018</li><li>✓ Gryffe Confucius Classroom is a World First</li><li>✓ The MADD Show</li><li>✓ Responsibility of All</li><li>✓ A Shout Out from Support .....</li><li>✓ Remembrance 2018</li><li>✓ Primary Transition News</li><li>✓ Eco update; Prison Custody Officer visits Advanced Higher Modern Studies</li><li>✓ Eve interviews Benedict Cumberbatch</li><li>✓ Global Diversity Month – Subject Activity</li><li>✓ Linguists visit local Care Home;</li><li>✓ Global Diversity – Day of the Dead</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Gryffe Drama News</li><li>✓ Book Week Scotland 2018</li><li>✓ UKMT Senior Maths Challenge News;</li><li>✓ Health &amp; Wellbeing Pupil of the Month</li><li>✓ Modern Languages pupil of the month;</li><li>Stars of Science</li><li>✓ Career Education and Community Partnerships:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chamber of Commerce Business Lunch;</li><li>- My World of Work;</li><li>- Renfrewshire Economic Development Conference;</li><li>- Business Matters Article 'I Can Do Anything Day';</li></ul></li><li>✓ Bereavement Support in schools</li><li>✓ <b><u>Upcoming priorities/events</u></b></li></ul>
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**OUR ACHIEVEMENT SYSTEM continues to develop in recognising the achievements of our pupils.** If you wish to find out more, particularly on how to nominate, then please look at the 'MORE' section of our School Website, and 'ACHIEVEMENT NOMINATION FORM'

**Please help us to recognise the achievements of our pupils both within and out with the school.**



## CARING LEARNING ACHIEVING



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Website



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Events over the coming weeks:

**DECEMBER** Please be assured that our pupils have been working right up to the end of term.....  
learning and teaching time is vital and as such we aim to use this time wisely

Fri 21 Christmas Service, 9:30 am, Houston and Killellan Church  
**School closes at 2:30pm**

**Mon 24 December – Fri 4 January HOLIDAY**

### **JANUARY 2019**

Mon 7 Pupils return, prompt 8:50 am start  
Thurs 10 S3 Drama Showcase, 7:00 pm start  
Fri 11 Start of Higher/AH Prelims  
Newsletter uploaded on to website  
Mon 14 Parent Council Meeting, 7:00 pm start  
Thurs 17 S4 Reports issued to pupils;  
Young Musician of the Year Competition, 7:00 pm start  
Wed 23 End of Higher/AH Prelims  
Thurs 24 S3 Reports issued to pupils  
Fri 25 PTA Burns Night Celebration ...tbc  
Mon 28 S4 into S5, S5 into S6 Options Information Evening – 7:00 pm start

### **Communication**

We continually try to improve our communication with parents/carers, and to date heavily rely on our School Website, Facebook and Twitter. We try not to use letters to parents/carers as sometimes they do not reach their intended destination!

We also use text messaging, however this is by far the most expensive for us to use as it costs approximately £40 to send a message to all parents. **From January 2019 we will pilot sending out key messages, via Show My Homework, as this will not incur any additional cost to the school. We would ask you to bear with us, use Show My Homework, and we will ask your opinion in March as to whether this system is the most effective. We will also continue to provide updates via the School Website, Twitter and Facebook ..... so please keep following.**

Yours sincerely

Colin H Johnson  
Head Teacher



Show My Homework

**We wish you a fun filled Christmas and a Happy New Year**

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