



GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we are about to enter the last week of term I can reflect on a particularly busy year in which our pupils have flourished. Our Preliminary Examinations are indicating very good SQA results in August 2018 as once again the dedicated hard work of pupils and staff ensure that is the case. The wide range, and quality, of achievements of our pupils has been highly impressive again this year and I hope you have been keeping up to date with this via the school website, twitter and facebook.

Last night was the final night of the school show 'Wizard of Oz' - What a spectacular performance!! The school theatre has been packed the past 2 nights, as audiences have been treated to watching a year of tireless work by the Drama group unfold before us in the 'Wizard of Oz'. The show also had an amazing live orchestra. Congratulations and a huge thank you all of the pupils and staff involved, with a particular thank you to Mrs Carter for bringing the show together.



It is summed up in this review by Alan Milligan on Twitter.....
Congratulations to @DramaGryffe on their production of 'The Wizard of Oz'! A fantastic performance! Enthusiasm & effort from supporting cast; great choreography (Jitterbug!), brilliant singing, & excellent leads! Well done everyone at @GryffeHighSch
Watch out for a gallery of amazing photography to follow by Mr Vannet.

I hope you will agree that our monthly newsletter also provides you with up to date detail on the vast number of activities that our pupils are involved in and clearly shows their successes.

The July Newsletter will be uploaded to the website, in the News section, on Wednesday 4 July.

Behaviour in the Community

I would like to take this opportunity to state our commitment of good behaviour and positive relationships in both school and the local community. Our sixth year pupils, and at times other year groups, have been litter picking almost every weekday afternoon within in the local community for the last 6 weeks. We have made improvement and are constantly telling pupils about their responsibilities, as I am sure all our parents/carers are. We will continue to try to make improvement as we strive to form closed links within the community. With regard to any other incidents within the community I would like to assure parents that we treat every reported issue very seriously, and put sanctions and support in place as appropriate. We have a very strong commitment to good behaviour and discipline, and would ask that should any parent/carer be aware of any issue then please inform us as quickly as possible.

As a school we have a duty of care for all our pupils and as such I, as Head Teacher, deliberate on all sanctions/support given and ensure that I deem them all in line with council policy. I am happy for any parent/carer or member of the local community to contact me at school and I will discuss/explain the procedures that we follow.

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Attendance at school in the last week – all classes will be working right up to 1:00 pm on Wednesday

Gryffe High School is committed in supporting our pupils and providing them with an excellent learning experience. We work very closely with employers, colleges and universities and from this close partnership working we all promote learning and teaching, as well as providing detail on Core key skills and knowledge on career pathways, as the essential ingredients of a well rounded individual.

Gryffe High School, Employers, Colleges and Universities are aware that attendance, maturity and the broad understanding of life skills are critical for smooth pathways to career success.

Within Gryffe we have significant concerns in regard to some pupils attendance towards the end of term, as well as their attendance at key whole school career/wellbeing events. Events running within the school always have a genuine focus on partnership/knowledge essential for employment, further or higher education.

To date Gryffe High School provides a little detail on attendance and latecoming in references for jobs, reports and UCAS statements. We will now commit to providing more detail, in employer references/UCAS statements, on attendance patterns, at end of term and at school run events like our 'Induction Days' and recent Careers 'I Can Do Anything Day'. We will make statement in regard to our opinion on individual pupils commitment to their overall skills development, and on their likelihood to fully commit to sustained employment or to a college/university programme.

School Uniform in the new session 2018/2019

Please support the school and ensure that ALL pupils are in full uniform at the beginning of the new term in August. All first, fifth and sixth year pupils should wear their school blazer, and be in full uniform, as we believe it shows a genuine pride in themselves and their school.

End of Term Arrangements

Please note that the school closes for the summer holidays at 1:00 pm on Wednesday 27 June, and I would expect all pupils to be in attendance up to and including that day.

I wish all pupils, and parents/carers, a relaxing and fun filled summer break and look forward to the new session in August. We will continue to strive for improvement and as such look forward to many further successes in both our pupils' attainment and achievement.

Yours sincerely

Mr Colin H Johnson

AUGUST

Tues 7	SQA Examination Results issued
Wed 8	New S5, S6 Timetable re-negotiation
Mon 13	In-Service Day
Tues 14	In-Service Day
Wed 15	Session begins for pupils, prompt 8:50 am start in full uniform
Mon 20	Photographs S1/S3/S5/S6 Launch of Activities Week S1 - 3 S1 Parental Engagement Programme, day 1 PTA AGM, 6:30 pm start
Wed 22	Activ8 session 1, 3:00 -4:00 pm
Mon 27	Parent Council Meeting, 7:00 pm start
Wed 29	Activ8 session 2, 3:00 -4:00 pm



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