



# GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now in our last week of term, and I can reflect on a particularly busy year in which our pupils have flourished. Our Preliminary Examinations indicate very good SQA results in August 2019 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 week we had 3 nights with a packed audience at our school show 'Hairspray' - What a spectacular performance!! It was a joy to watch so many of our pupils in full flow and delivering a truly outstanding show - song, laughter, dance and many, many smiling faces.

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**Brief updates... click on photographs to enlarge**

**Monday 24 June** - Higher History pupils enjoyed a trip on Friday to the Glasgow Women's Library. Glasgow Women's Library is the only Accredited Museum in the UK dedicated to women's lives, histories and achievements. The focus was learning about Women and The Vote.

**Thursday 20 June** - Following Tuesday and Wednesday HAIRSPRAY nights, tonight's show was incredible. It was a joy to watch so many of our children in full flow and delivering a truly outstanding show - song, laughter, dance and many many many smiling faces. What a performance, with well over 100 pupils and staff involved..... more pictures to follow soon.

**Thursday 20 June** - Well done to our team who competed in the Scottish Final of the Geography Worldwide Quiz this week. They

**Calendar this week:**

**THIS WEEK:**  
Please be aware that all classes will still be doing work this week, with most subjects providing study materials for August.  
Wednesday 26 June Dance Show, 7:00 pm start  
Friday 28 June Last Day of Session, 1:00 pm finish  
**NEXT WEEK:**

**HOLIDAY**

Tuesday 6 August SQA Examination Results  
Wednesday 7 August S5 & S6 subject re-negotiation day ....a letter will be uploaded to the school website, and issued via SMHW.  
Tuesday 13 August Staff In-Service Day  
Wednesday 14 August Staff In-Service Day  
Thursday 15 August Pupils return for a prompt 8:50 am start, in full uniform including all Year Groups in Blazers

What a night, with well over 100 pupils and staff involved. 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 extract that I have just received from a parent – *"I am writing to congratulate you all on an absolutely amazing school show. The music, choreography, set and talent was tremendous.....The camaraderie of the whole team and with our son making new friends across year groups has also been a highlight. A fantastic experience for all and a pleasure, and pride, to watch as parents."*

Enjoy our Hairspray Picture Gallery - <https://sway.office.com/EW5uBwFFvxAhk7FH?ref=Link>

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 3 July**, and key information letters will continue to be issued via SMHW(Show My Homework), website and Facebook.

## Behaviour in the Community

I would like to take this opportunity to state our commitment to the promotion and support 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. 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.

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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 Local 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.

### **Attendance at school in the last few days – all classes will be working right up to 1:00 pm on Friday**

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 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 'Leadership/Induction Days' and recent Careers 'Global Goals Day'. We will make reference in regard to our opinion on individual pupil's 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 2019/2020**

Please support the school and ensure that ALL pupils are in full uniform, including BLAZERS, at the beginning of the new term in August. **This year will be our first year where we expect all pupils to wear Blazers.** We are in the process of building a stock of Blazers to issue to any pupil who forgets their Blazer on the day. We also hope to provide families with the opportunity to sell Blazers, in good condition, back to the school in order that we can provide pre-used Blazers for sale at reduced cost.

### **End of Term Arrangements**

**Please note that the school closes for the summer holidays at 1:00 pm on Friday 28 June,** and I would expect 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 6	SQA Examination Results issued
Wed 7	New S5, S6 Timetable re-negotiation
Tues 13	In-Service Day
Wed 14	In-Service Day
Thurs 16	Session begins for pupils, prompt 8:50 am start in full uniform, including Blazer
Mon 19	Photographs S1/S3/S5/S6 PTA AGM, 6:30 pm start
Wed 21	Activ8 session 1, 3:00 -4:00 pm
Mon 26	Parents in Partnership, Group A, 8:50 – 10:45 am Parent Council Meeting, 7:00 pm start
Wed 28	Activ8 session 2, 3:00 -4:00 pm
Thurs 29	Parents in Partnership, Group B, 8:50 – 10:45 am

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