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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great pleasure I write this update as our young people and staff reflect on a very successful first term in session 2021-22. There is much to be optimistic about in our school community as we continue to overcome the challenges created by the pandemic. I am delighted to share with you a summary of the attainment and achievement statistics from the previous session. Those who worked tirelessly – pupils, staff and parents/carers – to create the successes detailed below, should be rightfully proud. To say that resilience and adaptability were important would be to understate the collective efforts of our school community.

Our extra-curricular opportunities are up and running, and we have worked hard to offer clubs and activities that meet the needs of all of our young people. We are keen to support every pupil to regularly participate in at least one school extra-curricular activity. School extra-curricular activities are free and offer young people the chance to develop new skills and to socialise in a safe, relaxed environment. New opportunities are continually being added, and the most up to date list can be found at the end of this update and on our school website.

We have launched our new look newsletter, which is easy to view on any digital platform, and contains many highlights from the first term. This has been shared on our school website and social media channels via the link bit.ly/gryffeneews1. I hope you enjoy learning about the successes of our young people, whilst gaining an insight into the work of the school. We continue to use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and our school website to share information and ask you to 'follow' us on whichever platforms you use. We will always use Satchel One and our school website www.gryffehigh.com as the primary channels of communication for formal school updates.

Our first 'virtual' Parents' Evening took place yesterday, and it proved to be a success. Our commitment to connecting with parents/carers and building positive relationships will see us adopt this approach for our next Parents' Evening, for S3 pupils, on Thursday 21st October from 4:30pm - 7pm. Parents/Carers are required to sign up to access the service and will receive communication via Satchel One to support them with this task in advance. We will continue to evaluate and review our approaches in light of parental feedback from each 'virtual' Parents' Evening and Scottish Government guidance.

If you already follow us on social media and/or use the website regularly, you will know that we have just received the SELFIE award for our commitment to leading in digital learning. As the first school in Europe to receive this accolade, we are delighted to share this success with you.

All that remains is to wish our young people and their families an enjoyable October break, it has been well earned by all! We will welcome young people back to school on Tuesday 19th October.

Kindest regards,

Kevin Christie
Head Teacher

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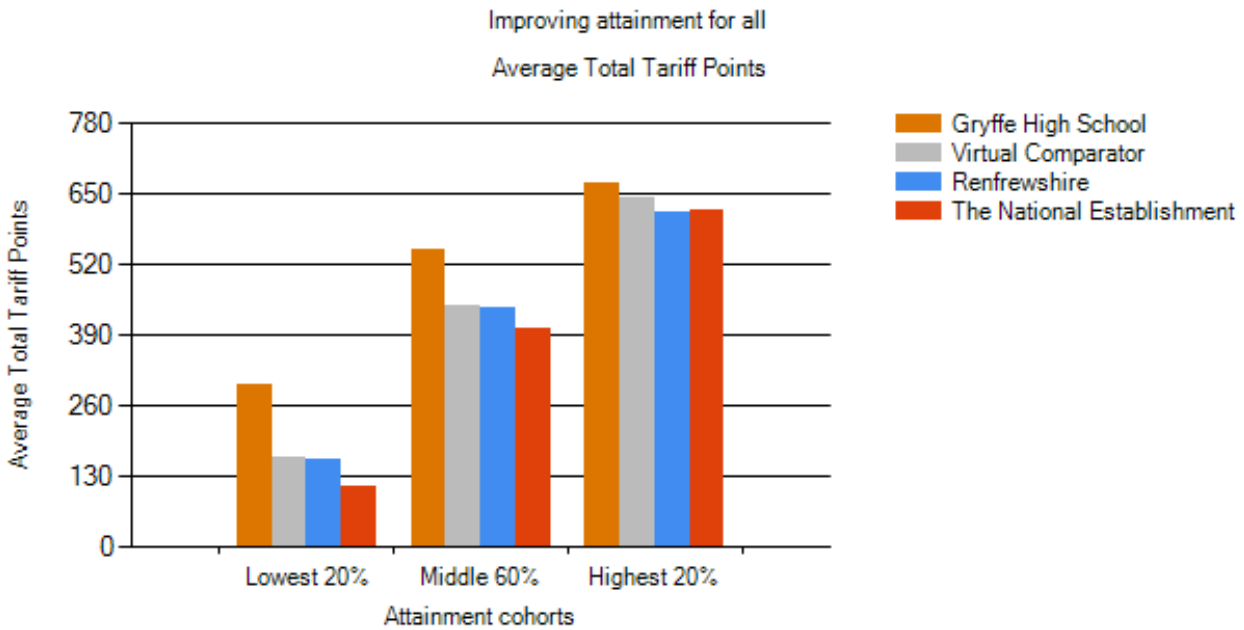
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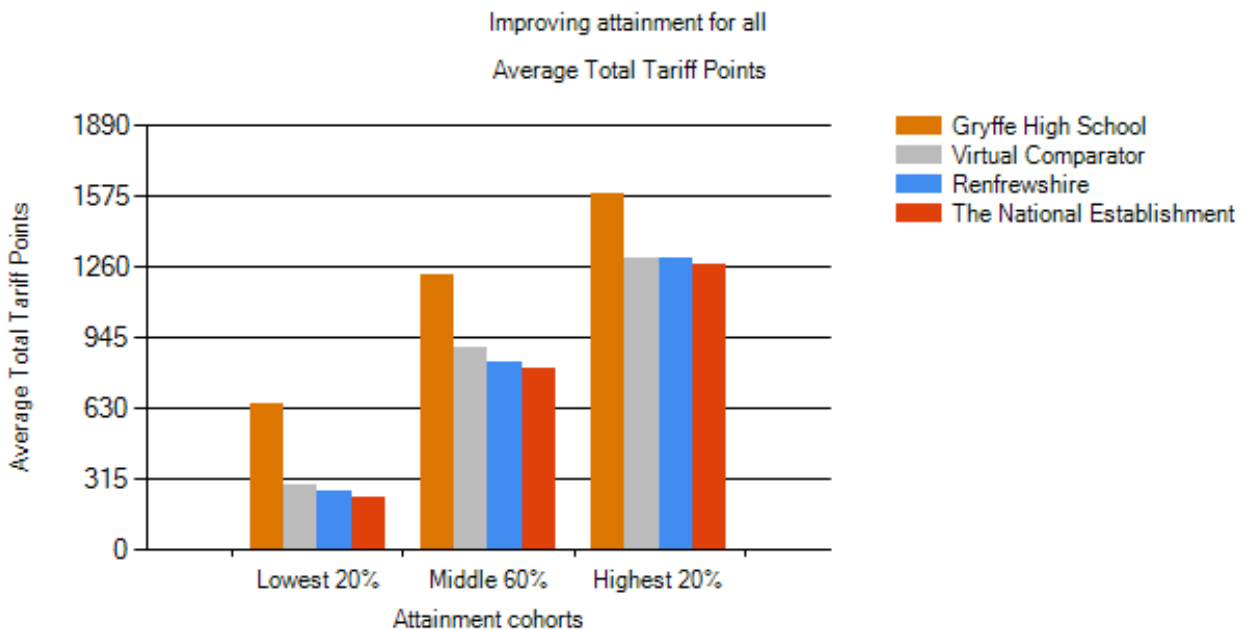
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Session 2020-21 SQA Results Summary

S4 Attainment and Achievement remains strong, outperforming our virtual comparator schools.



S5 Attainment and Achievement is also excellent across the whole year group.



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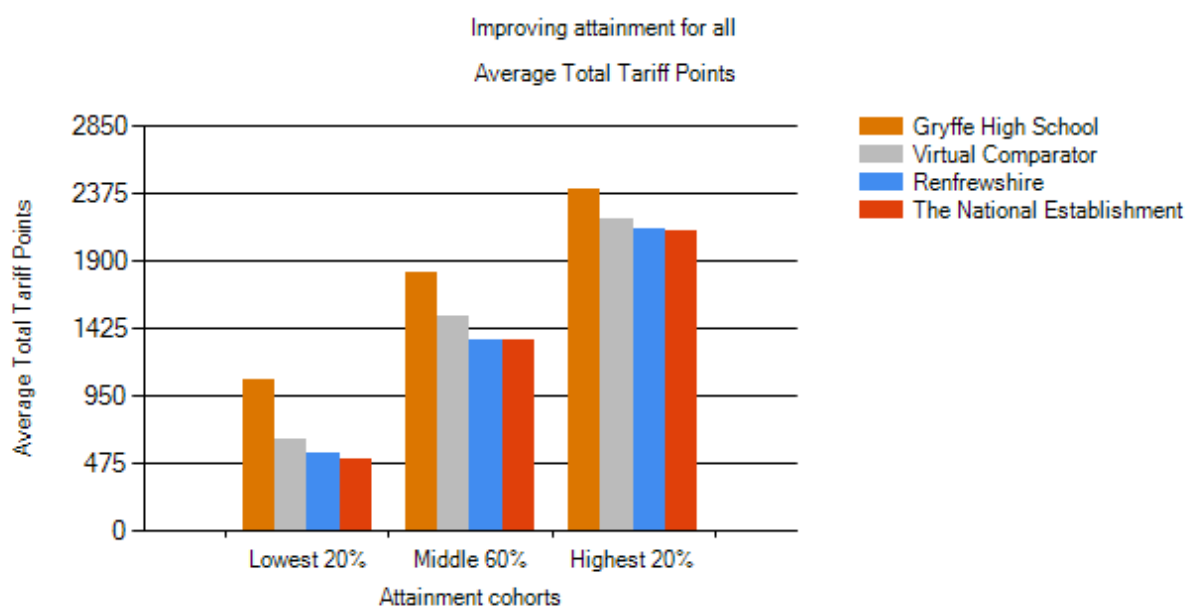


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Our S6 pupils continued to attain and achieve in spite of the challenges posed by the pandemic.



Overall detailed summary.

Measure		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
% age of S5 pupils with	5+ Highers	56	54	46	56	46
% age of S5 pupils with	3+ Highers	82	80	73	72	64
% age of S5 pupils with	1+ Highers	93	96	88	89	81
% age of S4 pupils with	5+ National 5s	82	84	81	76	80
% age of S4 pupils with	3+ National 5s	91	96	92	89	90
% age of S4 pupils with	1+ National 5s	98	99	99	96	97
Measure		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
% of S6 with 3+ Adv Highers at ABC		7	8	11	3	5
% of S6 with 2+ Adv Highers at ABC		26	24	23	13	14
% of S6 with 1+ Adv Highers at ABC		61	52	41	34	38

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Opportunities to Achieve – Clubs, Committees and Teams

Activity	Location	Day(s)	Time(s)	Year group(s)	Staff contact(s)
Art, Design & Tech Club	Art & GD rooms	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	S1-S6	Miss Hutchison and Miss Russell
Art - DofE	Art rooms	Tuesday	After School	S3-4 (pre-booked only)	Miss Russell
Citizenship Committee	RME room	Monday	Lunch	S1-6	Mrs Davey
Concert Band	Music room	Tuesday	After School	S1-6	Miss Monaghan
Cookery - DofE	HFT rooms	Monday and Wednesday	After School	S3-4 (pre-booked only)	Miss Marshall and Mrs Thomson
Digital Ninjas	Art room 3	Wednesday	After School	S1-6	Mrs Dumbreck
Doodle and Destress	Wellbeing Hub	Wednesday	After School	S1-6	Miss O'Hara and Miss Carrigan
Drama Club – Pantomime	Theatre	Coming Soon	TBC	S1-6	Mrs Carter
Duke of Edinburgh Award	Various	Various	After School	S3-6	Mr S Taylor
Eco Committee	Theatre	Thursday fortnightly	Lunch	S1-6	Mr Clark
Equality and Diversity Committee	English room 3	Thursday	Lunch	S1-6	Mrs Carter
Geo Film Club	SS5	Monday	Lunch	S1-3	Miss Iafrate & Senior pupils
Library	Library	Wednesday and Friday	After School	S1-6	Librarians – Miss Kane and Ms Bortolato
Library	Library	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	Lunch	S1-6	Librarians – Miss Kane and Ms Bortolato
Rock Band	Music room	Coming Soon	TBC	S1-6	Mr Gavienas
School Show	Theatre	Coming Soon	TBC	S1-6	Mrs Carter
Science Club	Lab 7	Wednesday	Lunch	S1	Mr McGurk and Mr Shepherd
Ukulele club	Music room	Thursday	Lunch	S1-2	Miss Monaghan

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School Sport Programme

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Time(s)</u>	<u>Year group(s)</u>	<u>Staff contact(s)</u>
Archery	Championships/ Festivals	*ASCP	TBC	S1-S6	Mr Gallacher
Athletics	Championships	*ASCP + SSAA events	TBC	S1-S6	Mr O'Hare
Badminton	Club	Wednesdays	3pm-4pm	S1-S6	Mr Friel/Mr Taylor
Badminton	Championships	*ASCP	TBC	S1-S6	Mr Friel
Basketball	Clubs	Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays	8am-8:40am 12:35pm- 1:00pm 3:45pm-5pm	S5-S6 S1-S3 S4-S6	Mr Malcolm Mr Vannet/Mr Malcolm Mr Vannet
Basketball	Teams	When arranged	TBC	various	Mr Vannet & Mr Malcolm
Fitness	Class	Wednesdays	3pm-4pm	Staff Only	Miss Wright
FootbALL	Club	Fridays	3pm-4pm	S1-S6	Mr Christie
Football (Boys)	Teams	When arranged	TBC	Seniors Under 15's Under 13's	Mr Christie & Mr O'Hare Mr Gallacher & Mr McBlain Mr Friel & Miss Wright
Football (Girls)	Teams	*ASCP	TBC	S1-S6 Girls	Scott Graham (Active Schools Coordinator)
Hockey	Club Teams	Fridays *ASCP	3pm-4pm TBC	S1-S6 S1-S6	Mrs Blackstock Mrs Blackstock
Netball	Clubs	Mondays Tuesdays Tuesdays	3:45pm-5pm 1:25pm- 1:50pm 3:45pm-5pm	S1-S3 S1-S6 S4-S6	Miss Clark & Senior Pupils Miss Holmes, Miss Still & Miss Clark Miss Holmes, Miss Still & Miss Clark
Netball	Teams	When arranged	TBC	Open S1 – S3	Miss Holmes Miss Clark
Skiing	Teams	When arranged	TBC	S1-S6	Mrs Ward
Table Tennis	Club	Wednesdays	12:35pm- 1:00pm	S1-S6	Mr O'Hare
Volleyball	Club Teams	Mondays *ASCP	1:25pm- 1:50pm TBC	S1-S6 S1-S6	Mrs O'Hare

*ASCP – Active Schools Competition Programme (as an when events arise)

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