



# GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL

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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023

Dear Pupils/Parents/Carers

The past few weeks in school have been extremely fast paced, but thoroughly enjoyable. The pupils continue to impress with their maturity in how to cope under difficult circumstances, and I have to admit that watching pupils getting back to their school routines has been a joy to watch. Our S1 to S3 pupils are respectful in moving around the building, in the knowledge that the S4 to S6 pupils are undergoing very important evidence gathering assessments.

We are already looking at our challenges for next session, with a particular emphasis on the wellbeing of our pupils, and detailed recovery plans. Our plan for starting our new timetable on Monday 14 June is well underway, and we are extremely positive for the year ahead.

You may have noticed some of the recent press releases and I wanted to share the detail I have provided in regard to requests for comment:

*It's a pleasure to see Gryffe High School ranked high as a school in these league tables, however, we are only too aware that this only reflects one aspect of the success of a school. Our levels of attainment and achievement have been climbing consistently year on year, and this is testament to the incredible work ethic and commitment of our pupils, alongside our hard working and dedicated staff and our very supportive parents and carers. Our recent HM Inspection report (August 2020) recognised our structures and successes in attainment and achievement as excellent, but more importantly, they recognised the amazing drive that our pupils have, stating they were 'highly motivated, articulate and ambitious young people who have high aspirations....' I wholeheartedly agree with this statement. Every single day I watch and learn from how our pupils conduct themselves and how they support each other, and I feel privileged and extremely proud to be part of and enjoy their continued achievements and successes.*

*Our philosophy is to concentrate on the individual, and through this focus we build confidence and success. Our focus on recognising all achievements, big or small, building relationships and showing a genuine interest in all that our pupils do is also critical. If we get that right, and I believe we do, then improved attainment follows – resulting in many accolades such as Scottish State School of the Year 2021; Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award; Eco-Schools Green Flag; SportScotland Gold Award; Fairachiever Award; Digital Schools Award; LGBT Charter Silver Award and much more.*

*Positivity and pride in what we do are key to us, where all staff know and support our pupils, in partnership with parents and carers, and we all move forward together.*

We are very proud of our pupils who are now recognised as second equal in what is regarded as the 'Gold Standard' 5+ Highers on leaving school. (Even though we were actually second by 0.14% 😊)

Please look out for our next Newsletter, full of detail on school life, which will be uploaded to the school website on Wednesday 19 May.

Colin Johnson  
Head Teacher

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