



T G S V O I C E
T H E G O R D O N S C H O O L S N E W S L E T T E R

TGS WELCOMES KHS TO OUR SCHOOL

My name is Libby Gerrie and I am a student at The Gordon Schools. I am currently 14 years of age and a 3rd year at school.

My day usually starts at around 7am so that I have time to get ready for school as I live around 20 minutes away from the school. The uniform at school comes in many forms, I usually wear trousers and a cardigan with the school crest on it in the winter and in the summer I tend to wear more skirts and just a t-shirt without a jumper.

I catch my bus at the bottom of my lane at 8.10am. The bus journey to school takes around 15-20 minutes and in that time I will usually read or listen to my music on my phone. Once I arrive at school I put my bag on a rack and begin making my way to the canteen to pick up a spot of breakfast and chat with my friends. During registration the teacher will read out the daily notices so that the pupils can be informed on anything that is going on in the school. I then go to my first class which is Business. Business lessons are very beneficial as you learn about the key factors that could later help you successfully run your own company. Second lesson is Geography and we are learning about deserts. I feel as though Geography is important as it teaches you about different parts of the world and their cultures.



As break lasts for 20 minutes you can choose to go up the street to some local shops or stay in school. My friends and I prefer to stay in school as in winter it is very cold and the school serve delicious baked goods such as brownies, muffins and cookies. After break comes one of my favourite subjects maths. One of the reasons that I love maths is that I feel as though it a very important aspect of our everyday lives and is used in various situations and so I feel as though it is very useful. After maths I head off to the R.E. classroom. I find R.E. very interesting as learning about others religious and cultural views can be a fascinating subject. Currently we are looking at the religion of Islam.

I usually go up the street into one of the shops to get something to eat at lunchtime, although when it is winter I prefer to stay inside or somewhere relatively close to school. My biology and chemistry class is taught by the same teacher so when biology is over I stay in the same class and wait for the other pupils to arrive. In chemistry classes we learn about many topics although at the moment we are studying chemical bonding of atoms. As I want to be a vet these two subjects are crucially important to me. Once the bell has rung at 3.45pm I head towards my bus where I head home. Overall I really enjoy going to school and learning about different subjects as I feel they will help me become whatever I ultimately choose to be.

LIBBY (15)

The Gordon Schools Day

PUPILS ARRIVE AT SCHOOL : 8.55am
REGISTRATION 8.55- 9.05am

PERIOD 1 9.05 - 10.05am
PERIOD 2 10.05 - 10.55am

BREAK 10.55 -11.15am

PERIOD 3 11.15 - 12.05pm
PERIOD 4 12.05 - 1.00pm

LUNCH 1.00 - 2.00pm

PERIOD 5 2.00 - 2.50pm
PERIOD 6 2.50 - 3.45pm

END OF SCHOOL DAY

Assemblies take place in the school Hall during period one, with S1 and S2 together on Tuesdays, S3 and S4 on Wednesdays and S5 and S6 on Thursdays. These assemblies are lead by stage heads or by staff.

TRANSPORTATION SITUATION

At The Gordon Schools in Scotland a large proportion of pupils arrive to school by bus, while those who live in the town of Huntly where TGS is situated walk or cycle to school. We asked 635 pupils how they get to school.



Of those we asked, **6** pupils took a taxi , **11** pupils cycled to school and **21** used other methods of transport.



HELLO I AM...

A PUPIL FROM
THE GORDON
SCHOOLS



I think school is important as not only does it prepare us for our lives in the future, it teaches us social skills; it is a place where we can meet new people and develop new relationships.

- MHAIRI (15)

WHY DO YOU THINK SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT?

I think that school is important as it tests people as individuals and allows them to grow as well as giving us the resources we need to learn and achieve our goals.

- MERIDYTH(17)

I think school is important because it provides students with the knowledge and skills to achieve their dreams and succeed in life. Going to school is a fantastic opportunity to learn new things, and discover your talents and form friendships which last a lifetime.

- FINLAY (15)

I think school is important because you learn important life skills to keep for your whole life.

- ANDREA (13)

School is important because it gives you opportunities to do great things in the world.

- SHANNON (12)

It is a stepping stone to higher education and hopefully a long lasting and successful career and a happy life.

- CALUM (17)

I think that school is important because in order to get money you need a job, and in order to get a job you need education.

- ALICE (13)

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SCHOOL?

We have mostly free education, we have our friends in school, we have a pretty free life, we are trusted and the food is quite good.

- FREYA(12)

The things I like about school are the people in it, because of how important they are and how they act in order to make this school what it is....an important part of the community

- HEATHER(15)

The thing I like about school is the way the classes are taught. The teachers try different methods of teaching to keep the pupils interested and concentrating instead of doing the same thing everyday.

- MAE(15)

I like meeting new people and discovering strengths you didn't know you had.

- CATHERINE(14)

I like the subject choices which are taught. TGS covers a vast range which is very good as you can find something you enjoy and are good at. The teachers at TGS are also good at how they make the classes enjoyable.

- JORDAN(16)

I like the community spirit and the nice teachers.

- CAMERON(14)

The things I like about school are the opportunities you get like helping in charity events, sports events and you get chances to do things that involve what job you do when you grow up. You also get to do lots of different classes.

- CHARLOTTE (12)



THE GORDON
SCHOOLS

SPORTS CLUBS Boys Hockey, Athletics, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Boys Rugby, Girls Rugby, Boys Football, Netball, Girls Hockey, Ladies Fitness, Girls Football, Badminton

OTHER CLUBS Sewing, Debating, Photography, Engineering, Philosophy, Climbing, School Show, Scripture Union, Fair Trade, Eco, Traditional Music, Chess, Jazz/Soul Music, Woodwork, Reading, Film



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU ARE OLDER?

“When I am older I want to have a job which I enjoy doing on a daily basis.

T O M ”

“When I am older I want to be a mechanic so I can build and restore cars.”

“I want to be a Physical Education teacher when I am older.

J A C K ”

I want to be a children’s mental health doctor, because I find it interesting understanding how the mind works and I also like working with children.

I O N A ”

“When I am older I would like to do something with computers?”

J A K U B ”

“When I am older, I do not want to go to university, I intend to join the police.

I want to be a happy man when I am older.

I would like to become an ambassador because I love to travel, speak other languages and I want to improve the world.

P A U L I N A ”

L O U I S E ”

F R A S E R ”

“My biggest dream would be to be a theatrical actor. But also I would like to teach drama, produce films or perform musically.

H A R R I S ”

“When I am older I would like to be an engineer.

M A T T H E W ”

“I want to be a particle or quantum physicist when I am older.

A L E X A N D E R ”

“I would like to be a professional athlete and run in the 2024 Olympics

E M M A ”

INTERVIEW: MRS SIBYLLE MCLEOD

TEACHER OF MODERN LANGUAGES

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BECOME A TEACHER?

I wanted to be a teacher because I enjoy working with young people and sharing my enthusiasm for different cultures with them.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES?

In my free time I enjoy travelling, hill-walking, swimming, kayaking, water-skiing, cooking for friends and going to the cinema.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT TEACHING?

There is never a dull moment in teaching, it is varied, you always learn new things and the contact with young people keeps you on your toes.





INTERVIEW: MR ALEXANDER HALL

RECTOR OF THE GORDON SCHOOLS



WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES AN EXCELLENT SCHOOL?

An excellent school is one where positive relationships exist and are continually promoted, staff and pupils are enthusiastic about their work and feel a strong sense of pride and belonging. The wellbeing of all pupils and staff is paramount and all feel they have a say in the running of the school and in identifying ways to make things even better. An excellent school delivers consistently high quality learning and teaching, supporting youngsters to reach their potential and moving on to sustained positive destinations.

WHY DO YOU THINK EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

Though education is lifelong, it is particularly important for young people. Children are our future and must be nurtured, coached and prepared for adult life. Education is a great enabler and equaliser and allows individuals to reach their potential, fulfil their dreams and become more fully engaged with life. This promotes personal development and social mobility and in turn moves society as a whole forward.

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BECOME A TEACHER?

My entry into the teaching profession was influenced by my dad. He was a teacher, a very popular and successful teacher, who made a difference to the lives of many young people. I wanted to follow in his footsteps.

WEAR RED FOR BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

On the 5th of February, TGS took part in wear something red day to raise funds for The British Heart Foundation. Pupils wore something red and donated £1 to the charity. A total of £503.15 was collected.



TGS SCHOOL UNIFORM



The uniform at TGS is varied. Some pupils wear a shirt and tie while others wear hoodies or sweatshirts.