



# The Gordon Schools

## Family Calendar 2018-2019

- The Calendar reflects Aberdeenshire's school holiday pattern for 2018-2019
- There are two Occasional holidays for this Session.
- Our SQA Coursework deadline dates for National 5 (N5), Higher (H) and Advanced Higher (AH) for 2018-2019 are included in a separate calendar.

The SQA exam timetable for 2019 has been published; start / end dates are included.

- Dates for when you will receive Tracking and Monitoring Reports are included in the calendar. A full list of Tracking & Reporting dates is added at the end in a more detailed, separate calendar.

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# The Gordon Schools Term 1 Session 2018-2019

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October (8 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 20 Aug	<b>TGS In-Service</b>	<b>Start of Term 1 for pupils</b>		Higher/Advanced Higher Drama to Pitlochry	
2 27 Aug	Pupil Council (PC) Assemblies week	Tempest Photos All day	S3 Skin Cancer Awareness S3 History – AM in Huntly		Sun 2 Sept Battlefields trip departs
3 3 Sept	Pupil Council Manifesto week		Kindrogen AH Geography S1 Maths Relay - Lunch	Kindrogen AH Geography S6 Oil Industry simulation (1) S1 Maths Relay - Lunch	Kindrogen AH Geography Battlefields trip returns S1 Maths Relay Final - Lunch
4 10 Sept	Pupil Council Elections		S4-6 Fire Up! Scotland Glasgow S4 Geography all day in Huntly		
5 17 Sept	Optional Work Experience week for S4/5/6 Parents in Partnership (1)	National Level Mod St Parliament visit 'My World of Work': Pupil Training	H Geog trip - Tarnash Falls S2 Teenage Cancer Trust talk	Pupil Council Training p1-4	
6 24 Sept	'Crash Live' pm (inc CPR)	S1 Photos: Huntly Express p 1/2	S2 Developing Young Workforce Event (1)	Higher Level DNA Biology day	Macmillan Coffee Morning
7 1 Oct		S1 Sponsored Walk WriteFest@TGS (Advanced Higher English)	S1 Sponsored Walk (Reserve)	Pupil Council Meetings (1)	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct Mock Trial in Aberdeen Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct ERASMUS visitors arrive
8 8 Oct	English: Visiting Poet for S5/6			Pupil Council Feedback (1) Higher Geography trip - Aberdeen	<b>S1 Initial Settling-in Report</b> Dress-down Day <b>End of Term 1</b> Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct ERASMUS visitors depart

# The Gordon Schools Term 2 Session 2018-2019

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December (8 weeks)**

<b>w/b</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9 29 Oct</b>	<b>Start of Term 2 for all</b>			S4 History trip - Bannockburn	Sat 3 Nov TGS P.i.P. Coffee Morning
<b>10 5 Nov</b>	Remembrance Assembly Week	Skills Scotland Careers event All S4 Aberdeen  UK Maths Challenge	<b>S1 Parents' Meeting</b>	S4/5/6 Drama & English to HMT Aberdeen Macbeth	Modern Studies S3 & S6 Peterhead Prison Visit
<b>11 12 Nov</b>	<b>Aberdeenshire In-Service</b>	<b>TGS In-Service</b>	<b>S4/5/6 Tracking (1)</b>	AH Drama workshop @Rhynie pm	S6: Air Traffic Controllers talk
<b>12 19 Nov</b>	<b>Education Scotland Inspection wk</b>	Parents in Partnership (2)		S5 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' Aberdeen	
<b>13 26 Nov</b>		S2 DYW Event (2)  NESCOL Open Day PM		Pupil Council Meetings (2)	<b>S3 Tracking of CfE Levels</b>
<b>14 3 Dec</b>		Youth Philanthropy Initiative Final Evening 6 pm Assembly Hall		Pupil Council Feedback (2)	S3 History trip Edinburgh  'Legally Blonde' Technical/Dress all day
<b>15 10 Dec</b>	'Legally Blonde' PM Matinee  PM Pensioners' Christmas Party	S6 Oil Industry simulation (2)  'Legally Blonde' Evening Performance	'Legally Blonde' Evening Performance	'Legally Blonde' Evening Performance	
<b>16 17 Dec</b>		S1-3 Christmas Dance	S4-6 Christmas Dance  Christmas Maths Relay	Christmas Jumper Day	<b>Christmas Service  End of Term 2</b>

**The Gordon Schools Term 3 Session 2018-2019**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March (12 weeks)**

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 7 Jan	<b>Start of Term 3 for all</b>	<b>S2 Full Report</b>			
18 14 Jan	S4/5/6 Exam Diet begins	<b>S2 Parents' Meeting</b>	Inter-House Swimming Gala		
19 21 Jan				Pupil Council Meetings (3)	End: S4/5/6 Exam Diet
20 28 Jan	Exam Diet catch-up day			Pupil Council Feedback (3)	
21 4 Feb	Parents in Partnership (3)		<b>S3 Parents' Meeting</b>	Barcelona Trip departs  UK Maths Challenge  S3 DTP + Men ACWY Immunisations	<b>Occasional Day (1)</b>
22 11 Feb	<b>Mid-term holiday</b>	<b>Aberdeenshire In-Service</b> Barcelona Trip returns	<b>TGS In-Service</b>		
23 18 Feb	S2 DYW Event (3)  <b>S4/5/6 Tracking (2)</b>		Inter House Cross Country  <b>S4/5/6 Parents' Meeting (1)</b>	<b>P7 into S1 Information Evening (1)</b>	
24 25 Feb	<b>S4/5/6 Parents' Meeting (2)</b>			North Schools Cross Country	
25 4 Mar	<b>S3 Full Report</b>		S2 English Johnstons Elgin present to TGS	World Book Day & Reading Challenge  S3 MMR Immunisations	TGS Group Photos Pixel Photography
26 11 Mar		Health & well-being workshop S2 - ALEC	Health & well-being workshop S2 - ALEC	S2 English: BBC School Report Day  S1/2 girls - HPV Immunisations	
27 18 Mar	<b>S4/5/6 Tracking (3): SQA Levels confirmed</b>			Pupil Council Meetings (4)  Music Competition with Rotary Club	
28 25 Mar		S2 English Johnstons Elgin	S2 English Johnstons Elgin  Pupil Council Feedback (4)	S2/3 SVA Volleyball Festival  S2 English Johnstons Elgin	Dress-down Day  <b>End of Term 3</b>

## The Gordon Schools Term 4 Session 2018-2019

Monday 15 April – Friday 5 July (12 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 15 Apr	Start of Term 4 for all		Musical Theatre trip to Matilda – S1-3 Edinburgh		Good Friday Holiday
30 22 Apr		Parents in Partnership (4)		SQA Exams begin	Last day in school for S4/5/6
31 29 Apr					
32 6 May	May Day holiday			S2 Tracking of CfE Levels  S1-S3 Pupil Council Meetings (5)	
33 13 May				Pupil Council Feedback (5)	S2 DYW Event (4)
34 20 May				Sports Day	
35 27 May			Last day of SQA exams		
36 3 Jun	Occasional Day (2)				
37 10 Jun	S1 Full Report  Parents in Partnership AGM			HPV Immunisations (S1/2 catch-up)	
38 17 Jun	5 Day Visit begins for P7s			Watersports Trip departs  P7 into S1 Information Evening (2)	
39 24 Jun	Iceland trip departs			Joint Pupil Council (6)	Iceland trip returns  Watersports Trip returns
40 1 July		S1/2/3 Merit Ceremonies	S3 Geography trip – Cullen  Prize Giving Evening	Pupil Council Feedback (6)	End of Session  Staff Return Mon 19 Aug

### Tracking, Reporting, Parents' Meetings & SQA Assessments

Month	Tracking	Full	Parents' Evening	Assessment
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	Report	Report		
October	<b>S1 Settling-in</b> 12 Oct			
November	<b>S4/5/6</b> 14 Nov  <b>S3</b> 30 Nov		<b>S1: 7 Nov</b>	
9 November: Initial confirmation of SQA National 5 & (AH) Higher Levels				
January 2019		<b>S2</b> 8 Jan	<b>S2: 15 Jan</b>	<b>N5-H-AH Exam Diet</b> 14 Jan – 25 Jan
<b>Senior Phase Exams for National 5-Higher-Adv Higher:            14 January – 25 January, 2019.            There is no S4 / 5 / 6 Study Leave in January.            Monday 28 January is reserved as a Catch-up day</b>				
February	<b>S4/5/6</b> 18 Feb		<b>S3: 6 Feb</b>  <b>S4/5/6 (1): 20 Feb</b> <b>S4/5/6 (2): 25 Feb</b>	
<b>S4/5/6 Parents' Meetings:            Parents/Carers choose which one to attend or attend both on            Wednesday 20 February (1) &amp; / or Monday 25 February (2)</b>				
March	<b>S4/5/6</b> 18 March	<b>S3</b> 4 March		
April				<b>SQA N5-H-AH Exam Diet</b> 25 April – 29 May
<b>SQA Senior Phase Exams for National 5-Higher-Adv Higher:            25 April – 29 May, 2019.            Those in S4/5/6 sitting exams will be given some time off School. Pupils who still have            outstanding coursework to complete must do this during this time.</b>				
May	<b>S2</b> 9 May			
June		<b>S1</b> 10 June		

- **SQA Exams for National 5, Higher and Advanced Highers 2019**

Below is a link to the SQA final exam timetable for April and May 2019.

**N.B.** TGS will produce its own version for pupils in Term 3, with our unique start and finish times. **We are allowed to vary the start times of exams by up to ½ hour and regularly do so.**

Use the link below for the days and dates **only** – **not the start and finish times**:

[https://www.sqa.org.uk/files\\_ccc/ExamTimetable2019.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/ExamTimetable2019.pdf)

**The Gordon Schools Senior Phase**

**Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)**

## Coursework and assessment deadlines for our pupils 2018-19

Abbreviations used:

National 4 (N4); National 5 (N5); Higher (H); Advanced Higher (AH)

Subject	Level	Piece of work to be completed	TGS completion date
Accounting	N5	Coursework – 2 sessions in class	12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> March
	H	Coursework – 2 sessions in class	19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Administration and IT	N5	Coursework – during Term 3 in class	15 <sup>th</sup> March
	H	Coursework – 1 session in class	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Art & Design	N5	Portfolio	27 <sup>th</sup> March
	H	Portfolio	27 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Portfolio	27 <sup>th</sup> May
Biology	N4	Assignment	18 <sup>th</sup> December
	N5	Assignment	18 <sup>th</sup> December
	H	Assignment	8 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Project	18 <sup>th</sup> April
Business Management	N5	Coursework – during Term 3 in class	18 <sup>th</sup> March
	H	Coursework – during Term 3 in class	25 <sup>th</sup> March
Chemistry	N4	Assignment	28 <sup>th</sup> February
	N5	Assignment	28 <sup>th</sup> February
	H	Assignment	8 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Project	18 <sup>th</sup> April
Computing Science	N5	Coursework – during Term 3 in class	18 <sup>th</sup> March
Drama	N5	Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	11 <sup>th</sup> February – 26 <sup>th</sup> April
	H	Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	11 <sup>th</sup> February – 26 <sup>th</sup> April
	AH	Dissertation	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
		Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	11 <sup>th</sup> February – 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Economics	N5	Coursework – during Term 3 in class	18 <sup>th</sup> March
	H	Coursework – during Term 3 in class	25 <sup>th</sup> March
English	N5	Folio	3 <sup>rd</sup> March
	H	Folio	3 <sup>rd</sup> March
	AH	Folio & Dissertation	15 <sup>th</sup> April
French	N5	Writing Assignment	15 <sup>th</sup> March
		Speaking Assessment	29 <sup>th</sup> March
	H	Writing Assignment	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
		Speaking Assessment	29 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	11 <sup>th</sup> February – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Folio		19 <sup>th</sup> April	
Geography	N5	Assignment in class	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> February
	H	Assignment in class	4 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Dissertation	2 <sup>nd</sup> May

German	N5	Writing Assignment	15 <sup>th</sup> March
		Speaking Assessment	29 <sup>th</sup> March
	H	Writing Assignment	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
		Speaking Assessment	29 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	11 <sup>th</sup> February – 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Folio		19 <sup>th</sup> April	
History	N5	Assignment in class	27 <sup>th</sup> February
	H	Assignment in class	14 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Dissertation	15 <sup>th</sup> April
Hospitality	N5	Assignment	8 <sup>th</sup> March
		Practical Activity	29 <sup>th</sup> March
Modern Studies	N5	Assignment in class	28 <sup>th</sup> February
	H	Assignment in class	15 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Dissertation	15 <sup>th</sup> April
Music	N5	Composition	27 <sup>th</sup> March
		Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	11 <sup>th</sup> February – 26 <sup>th</sup> April
	H	Composition	27 <sup>th</sup> March
		Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	11 <sup>th</sup> February – 26 <sup>th</sup> April
	AH	Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	29 <sup>th</sup> April – 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Photography	H	Folio	28 <sup>th</sup> May
Physical Education	N5	Performance	29 <sup>th</sup> March
		Portfolio	29 <sup>th</sup> March
	H	Performance	29 <sup>th</sup> March
Physics	N4	Assignment	28 <sup>th</sup> February
	N5	Assignment	28 <sup>th</sup> February
	H	Assignment	8 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Project	18 <sup>th</sup> April
Practical Woodwork	N5	Assignment	18 <sup>th</sup> April
Practical Metalwork	N5	Assignment	18 <sup>th</sup> April
Religious Moral & Philosophical Studies	H	Assignment in class	11 <sup>th</sup> December
Spanish	N5	Writing Assignment	15 <sup>th</sup> March
		Speaking Assessment	29 <sup>th</sup> March
	H	Writing Assignment	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
		Speaking Assessment	29 <sup>th</sup> March
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	11 <sup>th</sup> February – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Folio		19 <sup>th</sup> April	