



The Gordon Schools

Family Calendar 2019-2020

- This Family Calendar reflects Aberdeenshire's school holiday pattern for 2019-2020
- There are 3 Occasional Days allocated for this Session which been agreed with our Cluster and Parent Council. We also have two additional in-service days which have been granted on a national basis and are placed to be consistent across Aberdeenshire Council.
- The SQA exam timetable for 2020 has been published; start/end dates are included.
- Our SQA Coursework deadline dates for National 5 (N5), Higher (H) and Advanced Higher (AH) for 2019-2020 are included in a separate calendar at the end.
- A full list of dates when you will receive Tracking and Full Reports for the session is included at the end of the Calendar. In this section, you will also find all of our Parents' Meeting dates.
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The Gordon Schools Term 1 Session 2019-2020

Monday 19th August – Friday 11th October (8 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 19 Aug	TGS In-Service	Additional TGS In-Service	Start of Term 1 for pupils		MVP Pupil Training day
2 26 Aug		S3 Huntly Heritage workshop p4-6	AH Biology Fieldwork trip all day	YPI Assembly S3 Launch p5	MVP Pupil Training day
3 2 Sept	Pupil Council (PC) Assemblies week Freiburg/Strasbourg trip departs		S1 Maths Relay: Lunch	S1 Maths Relay: Lunch H&Wb Young Leaders Launch Woodhill House Energy Girls@ Oil&Gas: TECA	S1 Maths Relay: Lunch
4 9 Sept Hands-up survey week	Pupil Council Manifesto week Freiburg/Strasbourg trip returns	H Geography fieldwork: Tarnash Falls	S2 Huntly Castle Visit		
5 16 Sept	Optional Work Experience week for S4/5/6 Citizenship Shoebox Appeal begins Parents in Partnership (1)	Aberdeenshire & HMle ES visit	Aberdeenshire & HMle ES visit	Pupil Council Election day	
6 23 Sept		S1 Sponsored Walk Future Asset Conference: Edinburgh (Six S5/6 pupils)	Adv Higher Geography Trip Macmillan Coffee Morning	Pupil Council Training am UCAS HE Exhibition Aberdeen	Nat Geography all day in Huntly
7 30 Sept	PC Class Council (1) Registration	S1 Walk reserve date National Modern Studies trip: Scottish Parliament	PiP Evening Fashion Show with M&Co	Pupil Council Meetings (1) p1	Pupil Council Exec-SLT Meeting (1) p1
				Rotary Young Musician Competition Eve End Citizenship Shoebox Appeal	Mock Trial Aberdeen Courts Saturday AM
8 7 Oct		S1 Parents' Meeting (In Teacher rooms)	H Geography trip: Aberdeen S4 Crash Live event PM	Pupil Council Feedback (1) Nat History trip: Bannockburn End of Term 1 For Pupils	Additional TGS In-Service

The Gordon Schools Term 2 Session 2019-2020

Monday 28th October – Friday 20th December (8 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 28 Oct	Start of Term 2 for all				
10 4 Nov	Modern Studies S3 & S6 Peterhead Prison Museum Visit			S5 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' Aberdeen p 3-6 UKMT Junior Maths Challenge	S3 Army STEM event all day Initial SQA entries confirmed
11 11 Nov		Parents in Partnership (2)	PC Class Council (2) Registration	NESCOL Fraserburgh: Experience Day TGS DYW Apprenticeship & Careers Fair 2pm – 8pm	Energy Girls @ Shell Conference
12 18 Nov	Aberdeenshire In-Service	TGS In-Service: Universal Support		Pupil Council Meetings (2) P2	p2 Pupil Council Exec-SLT Meeting (2)
13 25 Nov		YPI Run-through S3 and S2 - Hall	Pupil Council Feedback (2)	Inter-House Swimming Gala	TGS Young Leaders Of Learning to Banff Academy all day: Relationships
14 2 Dec		S3 YPI Final Event Evening 7pm		Banff Young Leaders Of Learning to TGS all day: Relationships 'DEFIB Day' Sports Ambassadors	S3 History trip: Edinburgh 'Forbidden Planet Technical/Dress all day
15 9 Dec	'Forbidden Planet' PM Matinee Pensioners' Party	'Forbidden Planet' Evening Performance	'Forbidden Planet' Evening Performance	'Forbidden Planet' Evening Performance	Christmas Jumper Day
16 16 Dec	S3 Parents' Meeting	Junior School Dance	Senior School Dance Christmas Maths Relay: Lunch		Christmas Service: Strathbogie Parish Church End of Term 2

The Gordon Schools Term 3 Session 2019-2020

Monday 6th January – Friday 3rd April (13 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 6 Jan	Start of Term 3 for all		Curriculum Info Evening for S3, S4 & S5		
18 13 Jan			S2 Parents' Meeting	Start: N5-H-AH Exam Diet	
19 20 Jan	PC Class Council (3) Registration			Pupil Council Meetings (3) p3	Pupil Council Exec-SLT Meeting (3) p3
20 27 Jan				Pupil Council Feedback (3)	End: N5-H-AH Exam Diet
21 3 Feb	Catch-up: N5-H-AH Exam Diet Parents in Partnership (3)	P7 into S1 Information Evening (1)		S3 DTP + Men ACWY Imms UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge	
22 10 Feb		Curriculum Info Evening for S2	S3 'Languages in Work' morning Inter-House Cross Country	Occasional Day (1)	Occasional Day (2)
23 17 Feb	Mid-term holiday	Aberdeenshire In-Service	TGS In-Service:	S4/5/6 Parents' Meeting (1)	
24 24 Feb		S4/5/6 Parents' Meeting (2)	NASSA Cross Country		Deadline for SQA Unit only entries
25 2 Mar				World Book Day S3 MMR Catch-up + S1 Boys HPV	
26 9 Mar			S2 English Johnstons Elgin present to TGS	S1+S2 Girls HPV	S2 ALEC workshop
27 16 Mar	PC Class Council (4) Registration	S2 English (1/3) Johnstons Elgin	S2 English (1/3) Johnstons Elgin	Pupil Council Meetings (4) p4	S2 English (1/3) Johnstons Elgin Pupil Council Exec-SLT Meeting (4) p4
28 23 Mar	Finalise SQA entries this week			Pupil Council Feedback (4)	
29 30 Mar				TGS S2/3 SVA Volleyball Festival	End of Term 3

The Gordon Schools Term 4 Session 2019-2020

Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July (11 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 20 Apr	Start of Term 4 for all	Parents in Partnership (4)			Last day in school for S4/5/6
31 27 Apr	SQA Exams begin				
32 4 May					May Day holiday
33 11 May	PC Class Council (5) Registration			Pupil Council Meeting (5) p5 S1 Army STEM	Pupil Council Exec-SLT Meeting (5) p5
34 18 May				Pupil Council Feedback (5)	SQA N5 Units & N2 – N4 Units results deadline
35 25 May			Sports Day		Last SQA exam in our Hall
36 1 June	Occasional Day (3) (no SQA exams)	***Start of new timetable***	New S5 Induction Last day of SQA exams (old S6 only)	New S6 Induction DoE Bronze expedition practice	DoE Bronze expedition practice
37 8 Jun	Parents in Partnership AGM		Theme Day 'Old S6'	DoE Bronze expedition Immunisations catch-up day	DoE Bronze expedition H&Wb YLs Showcase Abdn
38 15 Jun				Watersports Trip departs	
39 22 Jun	5 Day Visit begins for P7s			P7 into S1 Information Evening (2) p4 Pupil Council Meeting (6)	Watersports Trip returns
40 29 Jun	Pupil Council Feedback (6)	S1/2/3 Merit Ceremonies	S3 Geography trip: Cullen Prize Giving Evening		End of Session Staff Return Mon 17 Aug

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**Teacher dates for Calendar 2019-20:
Tracking, Reporting, Parents' Meetings & SQA Assessments**

Month	Tracking Report	Full Report	Parents' Evening	Assessment
October			S1 8 Oct	
November	S4/5/6 14 Nov S3 27 Nov			
December	S1 Settling-in 6 Dec			
8 November: Initial confirmation of SQA National 5 & Higher & AH Levels				
December		S2 19 Dec	S3 16 Dec	
January 2020			S2: 15 Jan	N5-H-AH Prelim Assessment Diet
February			S4/5/6: 20 Feb S4/5/6: 25 Feb	
S4/5/6 Parents' Meetings: Parents/Carers welcome to attend one or both evenings				
March	S4/5/6 5 March Confirm SQA Levels	S3 2 March		
May	S2 7 May S3 (Internal) 25 May	S1 25 May		

The Gordon Schools Senior Phase

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)

Coursework and assessment deadlines for our pupils 2019-20

[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: in class	11 th March
	H	Coursework: in class	11 th March
Administration and IT	H	Assignment	23 rd March
	N5	Coursework: 2 sessions in class	3 rd + 10 th March
	H	Coursework: 1 session in class	16 th March
Art & Design	N5	Portfolio	30 th March
	H	Portfolio	30 th March
	AH	Portfolio	22 nd May
Biology	N4	Assignment	17 th December
	N5	Assignment	17 th December
	H	Assignment	13 th March
	AH	Project	3 rd April
Business Management	N5	Coursework: during Term 3 in class	12 th March
	H	Coursework: during Term 3 in class	19 th March
Chemistry	N4	Assignment	6 th March
	N5	Assignment	6 th March
	H	Assignment	13 th March
	AH	Project	3 rd April
Drama	N5	Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	10 th Feb-24 th April
	H	Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	10 th Feb-24 th April
	AH	Dissertation Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	24 th April 10 th Feb-24 th April
Economics	N5	Coursework: during Term 3 in class	13 th March
	H	Coursework: during Term 3 in class	20 th March
English	N5	Folio	12 th March
	H	Folio	19 th March
	AH	Folio & Dissertation	3 rd April
French	N5	Writing Assignment	13 th March
		Speaking Assessment	3 rd April
	H	Writing Assignment	3 rd April
		Speaking Assessment	3 rd April
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner) Folio	10 th Feb-20 th March 3 rd April

Geography	N5	Assignment in class	11 th November
	H	Assignment in class	2 nd December
	AH	Dissertation	4 th May
German	N5	Writing Assignment	13 th March
		Speaking Assessment	3 rd April
	H	Writing Assignment	3 rd April
		Speaking Assessment	3 rd April
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	10 th Feb-20 th March
Folio		3 rd April	
History	N5	Assignment in class	11 th & 21 st February
	H	Assignment in class	2 nd March
	AH	Dissertation	20 th April
Hospitality	N5	Assignment	6 th March
		Practical Activity	3 rd April
Modern Studies	N5	Assignment in class	4 th & 6 th December
	H	Assignment in class	21 st February
	AH	Dissertation	20 th April
Music	N5	Composition	16 th December
		Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	10 th Feb-20 th March
	H	Composition	16 th December
		Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	10 th Feb-20 th March
	AH	Analysis	9 th October
		Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	27 April-15 th May
Photography	NPA	Course Units	24 th April
	H	Folio	25 th May
Physical Education	N5	Performance	3 rd April
		Portfolio	3 rd April
	H	Performance	3 rd April
Physics	N4	Assignment	6 th March
	N5	Assignment	6 th March
	H	Assignment	13 th March
	AH	Project	3 rd April
Practical Woodwork	N5	Assignment	21 st April
Practical Metalwork	N5	Assignment	21 st April
Religious Moral & Philosophical Studies	H	Assignment in class	11 th March
Spanish	N5	Writing Assignment	13 th March
		Speaking Assessment	3 rd April
	H	Writing Assignment	3 rd April
		Speaking Assessment	3 rd April
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	10 th Feb-20 th Mar
Folio		3 rd April	

TGS Vision



At The Gordon Schools we have recently renewed our Vision.

This guides our everyday actions and expectations and is a statement of what we are trying to be and do as a School.

An easy way to remember our Vision, is using the initial of our School – T G S

Our **Vision** is:

Together **G**rowing **S**ucceeding

Together:

Is about treating one another positively, kindly and with respect. We are all a part of the School community, the Local Huntly community and beyond. Our actions here affect other local, national and international communities.

We must consider what consequences our actions will have on others and on our environment, both locally and globally.

Growing:

We need you to value and look after your health. This includes your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.

TGS should be a happy place, with support for everyone to feel good about their health. We want you to develop confidence and resilience for life in and beyond School.

Succeeding:

Success means being the best possible version of yourself that you can be. If you succeed with this then you will learn as well and achieve as much as you can.

Have a growth mind-set – explore new things and aim for future successes! At TGS we want you to be proud of your achievements and successes and we will celebrate those with you.