



# The Gordon Schools

## Family Calendar 2022-2023

- This Calendar reflects Aberdeenshire's school holiday pattern for 2022-2023.
- There are 3 Occasional Holidays allocated for this Session confirmed with our Cluster and Parent Council.
- The SQA exam timetable for 2023 has now been published. Start and finish dates are indicated, together with Study Leave and Course Completion Time dates.
- A full list of Tracking & Reporting dates for this session is included.

**Updated: November 2022**

# The Gordon Schools Term 1 Session 2022-2023

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October (8 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> <b>22 Aug</b>	<b>TGS</b> <b>In-Service (1):</b> <b>SQA</b>	<b>Start of Term 1</b> <b>for pupils</b>			
<b>2</b> <b>29 Aug</b>	Elect S1 Pupil Council Reps & fill vacancies				Tour of Britain cycling events at TGS
<b>3</b> <b>5 Sept</b>					
<b>4</b> <b>12 Sept</b>	Hands-Up Travel Survey week Registration	<b>Re-arranged</b> Pixel Photography S1- S6 photos  <b>Re-arranged</b> TGS PiP Meeting 18:30 (1)  S6 History to Aberdeen Uni			
<b>5</b> <b>19 Sept</b>	Closure State Funeral		Scottish Learning Festival (Virtual)	Scottish Learning Festival (Virtual)	
<b>6</b> <b>26 Sept</b>	H Geography Tarnash Falls Fieldwork  <b>Ukraine</b> <b>Themed week</b>				
<b>7</b> <b>3 Oct</b>	Week of Flu Immunisations Mon – Thurs inc. Care Group trip to Lossiemouth	PiP Meeting: B.G.E. Reporting 18:30 Library		Higher Drama Skills Performance Assembly Hall p 1 & 2 MacMillan Coffee Lunchtime (John Swan Atrium)	National Drama Skills Performance Assembly Hall p 1 & 2
<b>8</b> <b>10 Oct</b>			Parental Health and Wellbeing evening 17:00 – 19:00 Assembly Hall		TGS Initial confirmation of SQA N, H & AH Levels  <b>End of Term 1</b>

# The Gordon Schools Term 2 Session 2022-2023

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December (8 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9</b> <b>31 Oct</b>	Start of Term 2 for all ALEC 'LifeSpace' Tent: TGS Hall for Gordon Primary/Nursery			SQA and S3 Drama trip to Eden Court Theatre	
<b>10</b> <b>7 Nov</b>	<b>S4/5/6 Cause for Concern window opens</b>	TGS PiP Meeting 18:30 (2)	<b>S1/2 face-to-face Parents Meeting</b>		
<b>11</b> <b>14 Nov</b>	Crash Live S4 Driving Safety event Periods 5 & 6 Car Park & Assembly Hall	<b>S1/2 virtual Parents Meeting</b> Visiting Author Keith Gray Periods 3 – 6 English	<b>S4/5/6 Cause for Concern window closes</b> National and Higher Modern Studies visit to Scottish Parliament AH English Writefest (online) TGS Quiz Night 7pm Assembly Hall	<b>In-Service (2)</b>	<b>In-Service (3)</b>  Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Murrayfield Rugby Trip
<b>12</b> <b>21 Nov</b>					
<b>13</b> <b>28 Nov</b>				<b>Senior Phase Parents' Meeting (1): Virtual</b>  Inter-House Swimming Gala	
<b>14</b> <b>5 Dec</b>			<b>Senior Phase Parents' Meeting (2): Face-to Face</b>		
<b>15</b> <b>12 Dec</b>	TGS Panto Dress & Tech rehearsal day  TGS Panto Evening (1)	TGS Panto Evening (2)			
<b>16</b> <b>19 Dec</b>		S1, S2, S3 Christmas Dance	S4, S5, S6 Christmas Dance	P7 Cluster Christmas Dance	Christmas Service <b>End of Term 2</b>

# The Gordon Schools Term 3 Session 2022-2023

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March (12 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 9 Jan	<b>Start of Term 3 for all</b>				
18 16 Jan	Senior Phase S4/5/6 Prelim Diet begins	TGS PiP Meeting 18:30 (3)			
19 23 Jan					
20 30 Jan		P7 Information Evening (1) Face-to Face 7pm			
21 6 Feb	Final Day Senior Phase S4/5/6 Prelim Diet		TGS Inter-House Cross Country	<b>Occasional Holiday (1)</b>	<b>Occasional Holiday (2)</b>
22 13 Feb	<b>Aberdeenshire Mid-term holiday</b>	<b>In-Service (4)</b>	<b>In-Service (5)</b>	<b>S3 face-to-face Parents' Meeting</b>	<b>Theme Day tbc</b>
23 20 Feb				NASSA Cross Country @TGS	
24 27 Feb					
25 6 Mar					Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Murrayfield Rugby Trip
26 13 Mar		TGS PiP Meeting 18:30 (4)			
27 20 Mar					
28 27 Mar					<b>End of Term 3</b>

# The Gordon Schools Term 4 Session 2022-2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (12 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>29</b> 17 Apr	Start of Term 4 for all				Last day in TGS for S4/5/6 pupils before Study Leave and Course Completion Time (SLCCT)
<b>30</b> 24 Apr	<b>SQA Exam Diet begins</b> <b>First TGS SQA exams</b> Pupils on SLCCT	TGS PiP (5) Meeting 18:30			
<b>31</b> 1 May	May Day holiday				
<b>32</b> 8 May					
<b>33</b> 15 May		S3 Geography Cullen fieldwork			
<b>34</b> 22 May					
<b>35</b> 29 May	<b>Last TGS SQA Exam</b>		<b>SQA Exam Diet planned end</b>	TGS Sports Day <b>SQA Exam Diet contingency day</b>	TGS reserve date for Sports Day
<b>36</b> 5 Jun	Occasional Day (3)	<b>Start of new timetable for new S2/3/4/5/6 tbc</b>			
<b>37</b> 12 Jun		TGS PiP A.G.M.	Voting opens for School Captains Team		S6 Prom Pittodrie House Hotel
<b>38</b> 19 Jun	Pupil Council Elections for 23/24 this week	Voting closes for School Captains Team			
<b>39</b> 26 Jun	P7/S1 Transition Week begins			P7/S1 Transition Parents Information Evening (2)	P7/S1 Transition Week ends
<b>40</b> 3 July		S1/2/3 Celebration of Learning Assembly Hall (Morning event)	TGS Prize Giving (Evening)		<b>End of Session</b> <b>SQA Results day</b> <b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Pupils Return</b> <b>Tuesday 22 Aug</b>

**Dates for Calendar 2022-23:  
Tracking, Reporting, Parents' Meetings & SQA Assessments**

Month	Tracking Report	Full Report	Parents' Evening	Summative Assessment
October	S1 Settling-in: October 14 <sup>th</sup>			
14 <sup>th</sup> October: Final date for TGS Initial confirmation of SQA National & Higher & AH Levels				
November	S4/5/6: November 29 <sup>th</sup>		S1 & S2 Face-to-face: November 9 <sup>th</sup>  S1 & S2 Virtual: November 15 <sup>th</sup>	
7 - 17 <sup>th</sup> November: S4/5/6 Cause for Concern window				
December			S4/5/6 Virtual: December 1 <sup>st</sup>  S4/5/6 Face-to-face: December 7 <sup>th</sup>	
January 2023		S2: January 12 <sup>th</sup>		N5/H/AH Prelims begin Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>
February	S3: February 7 <sup>th</sup>		S3: February 16 <sup>th</sup>	N5/H/AH Prelims end Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>
March		S4/5/6: March 9 <sup>th</sup>  S3: March 28 <sup>th</sup>		
9 <sup>th</sup> March: TGS confirmation of SQA National, Higher & AH Levels				
April				SQA N5/H/AH exams begin Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
28 <sup>th</sup> April: TGS Faculty completion of National 1/2/3/4 Courses				
May	S2: May 12 <sup>th</sup>	S1: May 31 <sup>st</sup>		SQA N5/H/AH exams end Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May



**The Gordon Schools Senior Phase  
Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)**

**Coursework and assessment deadlines for our pupils 2022-23**

[Abbreviations used: National 5 (N5); Higher (H); Advanced Higher (AH)]

Subject	Level	Piece of work to be completed	TGS completion date
Administration and IT	N5	Assignment: 2 sessions in class	March 2023
	H	Coursework: 1 session in class	March 2023
Art & Design	N5	Portfolio	March 2023
	H	Portfolio	March 2023
	AH	Portfolio	22 May 2023
Business Management	N5	Coursework: across Term 3 in class	March 2023
	H	Coursework: across Term 3 in class	March 2023
Drama	N5	Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	Term 3: after Feb break
	H	Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	Term 3: after Feb break
	AH	Dissertation	17 April 2023
		Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	End Term 3 / Beginning of Term 4
Economics	N5	Coursework: during Term 3 in class	By end of Term 3
	H	Coursework: during Term 3 in class	By end of Term 3
English	N5	Folio	03 March 2023
	H	Folio	03 March 2023
	AH	Folio & Dissertation	End of Term 3
French	N5	Speaking Assessment	End of Term 3
	H	Speaking Assessment	End of Term 3
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	During February 2023
		Folio	End of Term 3
Geography	AH	Dissertation	08 May 2023
German	N5	Speaking Assessment	End of Term 3
	H	Speaking Assessment	End of Term 3
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	During February 2023
		Folio	End of Term 3
Graphic Communication	N5	Assignment in class (8 hours)	24 March 2023
	H	Assignment in class (8 hours)	24 March 2023
	AH	Assessment task	17 March 2023
History	AH	Dissertation	End of Term 3

Modern Studies	AH	Dissertation	End of Term 3
Music	N5	Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	Post Mid-Feb Term 3
	H	Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	Post Mid-Feb Term 3
	AH	Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	From 17 April
Music Technology	N5	Folio	End of Feb tbc
Photography	NPA	Course Units	21 April 2023
	H	Folio	19 May 2023
Physical Education	N5	Performance	31 March 2023
		Portfolio	31 March 2023
	H	Performance	31 March 2023
Practical Cookery	N5	Assignment	03 March 2023
	N5	Practical Activity	31 March 2023
	N4	Practical Activity	31 March 2023
Practical Woodwork	N5	Course Assessment	24 March 2023
Spanish	N5	Speaking Assessment	End of Term 3
	H	Speaking Assessment	End of Term 3
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	During February 2023
		Folio	End of Term 3





## The Gordon Schools Pupil Council Timeline for meetings for session 2022-23

<b>Week beginning 7 June</b>	New classes formed with timetable change
<b>Week beginning 13 June</b>	Discussion around new Class Reps & Deputes
<b>Week beginning 20 June</b>	Election of new Class Representatives & Deputes
<b>Week beginning 12 September</b>	S1 Pupil Council Elections and S2- S6 vacancies
<b>Week beginning 19 September</b>	Pupil Council Training for all new Representatives
<b>Week beginning 12 September</b>	Preparation for Meeting 1
<b>Thursday 22 September</b>	Meeting 1 (S1/2/3 period 3 and S4/5/6 period 4)
<b>Week beginning 31 October</b>	Preparation for Meeting 2
<b>Wednesday 9 November</b>	Meeting 2 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 2 and S4/5/6 period 3)
<b>Week beginning 28 November</b>	Preparation for Meeting 3
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	Meeting 3 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 3 and S4/5/6 period 2)
<b>Week beginning 16 January</b>	Preparation for Meeting 4
<b>Thursday 23 January</b>	Meeting 4 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 2 and S4/5/6 period 3)
<b>Week beginning 20 February</b>	Preparation for Meeting 5
<b>Wednesday 1 March</b>	Meeting 5 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 3 and S4/5/6 period 2)
<b>Week beginning 20 March</b>	Preparation for Meeting 6
<b>Tuesday 28 March</b>	Meeting 6 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 2 and S4/5/6 period 3)
<b>Week beginning 24 April</b>	Preparation for Meeting 7
<b>Thursday 4 May</b>	Meeting 7 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 3)
<b>Week beginning 22 May</b>	Preparation for Meeting 8
<b>Wednesday 31 May</b>	Meeting 8 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 4)
<b>Week beginning 5 June</b>	New classes formed with timetable change
<b>Week beginning 11 June</b>	Discussion around new Class Reps & Deputes
<b>Week beginning 18 June</b>	Election of new Class Representatives & Deputes

# The Gordon Schools Vision



At The Gordon Schools, we have a living Vision that guides our everyday actions and expectations. It is a statement that embodies the values of what we are trying to be and do as a School community.

An easy way to remember our Vision is using the initials of our School: T G S

Our **Vision** is:

**Together Growing Succeeding**

## **Together:**

Is about treating one another positively, kindly and with respect. We all feel included as a part of our School community, the local Huntly community and the north-east, national and global world.

Our actions here affect other local, national and international communities. We must consider what consequences our actions will have on others around us and on the sustainability of our environment, both locally and globally.

## **Growing:**

We need everyone to value and look after their health & wellbeing. This includes our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.

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

## **Succeeding:**

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 success! At TGS we want you to be proud of the efforts you make towards your achievements and successes and we will celebrate all of this with you.