



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 22nd August – Friday 14th October (8 weeks)

| w/b | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1 22 Aug | TGS In-Service (1): SQA | Start of Term 1 for pupils | | | |
| 2 29 Aug | Elect S1 Pupil Council Reps & fill vacancies | | | | Tour of Britain cycling events at TGS |
| 3 5 Sept | | | | | |
| 4 12 Sept | Hands-Up Travel Survey week Registration | Re-arranged Pixel Photography S1- S6 photos Re-arranged TGS PiP Meeting 18:30 (1) S6 History to Aberdeen Uni | | | |
| 5 19 Sept | Closure State Funeral | | Scottish Learning Festival (Virtual) | Scottish Learning Festival (Virtual) | |
| 6 26 Sept | H Geography Tarnash Falls Fieldwork Ukraine Themed week | | | | |
| 7 3 Oct | 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 |
| 8 10 Oct | | | Parental Health and Wellbeing evening 17:00 – 19:00 Assembly Hall | | TGS Initial confirmation of SQA N, H & AH Levels End of Term 1 |

The Gordon Schools Term 2 Session 2022-2023

Monday 31st October – Friday 23rd December (8 weeks)

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

The Gordon Schools Term 3 Session 2022-2023

Monday 9th January – Friday 31st March (12 weeks)

| w/b | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 17 9 Jan | Start of Term 3 for all | | | S3 into S4 and S4/5 into S5/6 Curricular Information Evening | |
| 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 | S2 into S3 Curricular Information Evening | TGS Inter-House Cross Country | Occasional Holiday (1) | Occasional Holiday (2) |
| 22 13 Feb | Aberdeenshire Mid-term holiday | In-Service (4) | In-Service (5) | S3 face-to-face Parents' Meeting | Theme Day tbc |
| 23 20 Feb | | | | NASSA Cross Country @TGS | |
| 24 27 Feb | | | | | |
| 25 6 Mar | | | | | Sunday 12 th Murrayfield Rugby Trip |
| 26 13 Mar | | TGS PiP Meeting 18:30 (4) | | | |
| 27 20 Mar | | | | | |
| 28 27 Mar | | | | | End of Term 3 |

The Gordon Schools Term 4 Session 2022-2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 7th July (12 weeks)

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

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

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



**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 |

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| 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

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