



The Gordon Schools

Senior Phase Pupil 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 and your Parent/Carer(s) will receive formal feedback in the form of 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 20th August – Friday 12th October (8 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 20 Aug	TGS In-Service	Start of Term 1 for pupils		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 th Oct Mock Trial in Aberdeen Sun 7 th Oct ERASMUS visitors arrive
8 8 Oct	English: Visiting Poet for S5/6			Pupil Council Feedback (1) Higher Geography trip - Aberdeen	S1 Initial Settling-in Report Dress-down Day End of Term 1 Sat 13 th Oct ERASMUS visitors depart

The Gordon Schools Term 2 Session 2018-2019

Monday 29th October – Friday 21st December (8 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 29 Oct	Start of Term 2 for all			S4 History trip - Bannockburn	Sat 3 Nov TGS P.i.P. Coffee Morning
10 5 Nov	Remembrance Assembly Week	Skills Scotland Careers event All S4 Aberdeen UK Maths Challenge	S1 Parents' Meeting	S4/5/6 Drama & English to HMT Aberdeen Macbeth	Modern Studies S3 & S6 Peterhead Prison Visit
11 12 Nov	Aberdeenshire In-Service	TGS In-Service	S4/5/6 Tracking (1)		S6: Air Traffic Controllers talk
12 19 Nov	Education Scotland Inspection wk	Parents in Partnership (2)		S5 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' Aberdeen	
13 26 Nov		S2 DYW Event (2) NESCOL Open Day PM		Pupil Council Meetings (2)	S3 Tracking of CfE Levels
14 3 Dec	AH Drama workshop @Rhynie p2-4	Youth Philanthropy Initiative Final Evening 6 pm Assembly Hall		Pupil Council Feedback (2)	S3 History trip Edinburgh 'Legally Blonde' Technical/Dress all day
15 10 Dec	'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	
16 17 Dec		S1-3 Christmas Dance	S4-6 Christmas Dance Christmas Maths Relay	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas Service End of Term 2

The Gordon Schools Term 3 Session 2018-2019

Monday 7th January – Friday 29th March (12 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 7 Jan	Start of Term 3 for all	S2 Full Report			
18 14 Jan	S4/5/6 Exam Diet begins	S2 Parents' Meeting	Inter-House Swimming Gala		
19 21 Jan				Pupil Council Meetings (3)	
20 28 Jan		End: S4/5/6 Exam Diet	Exam Diet catch-up day	Pupil Council Feedback (3)	
21 4 Feb	Parents in Partnership (3)		S3 Parents' Meeting	Barcelona Trip departs UK Maths Challenge S3 DTP + Men ACWY Immunisations	Occasional Day (1)
22 11 Feb	Mid-term holiday	Aberdeenshire In-Service Barcelona Trip returns	TGS In-Service		
23 18 Feb	S2 DYW Event (3) S4/5/6 Tracking (2)		Inter House Cross Country S4/5/6 Parents' Meeting (1)	P7 into S1 Information Evening (1)	
24 25 Feb	S4/5/6 Parents' Meeting (2)			North Schools Cross Country	
25 4 Mar	S3 Full Report		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	S4/5/6 Tracking (3): SQA Levels confirmed			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 End of Term 3

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	S1 Settling-in 12 Oct			
November	S4/5/6 14 Nov S3 30 Nov		S1: 7 Nov	
9 November: Initial confirmation of SQA National 5 & (AH) Higher Levels				
January 2019		S2 8 Jan	S2: 15 Jan	N5-H-AH Exam Diet 14 Jan – 27 Jan
Senior Phase Exams for National 5-Higher-Adv Higher: 14 January – 29 January, 2019. There is no S4 / 5 / 6 Study Leave in January. Wednesday 30 January is reserved as a Catch-up day.				
February	S4/5/6 18 Feb		S3: 6 Feb S4/5/6 (1): 20 Feb S4/5/6 (2): 25 Feb	
S4/5/6 Parents' Meetings: Parents/Carers choose which one to attend or attend both on Wednesday 20 February (1) & / or Monday 25 February (2)				
March	S4/5/6 18 March	S3 4 March		
April				SQA N5-H-AH Exam Diet 25 April – 29 May
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.				
May	S2 9 May			
June		S1 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

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

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