



The Gordon Schools

Family Calendar 2023-2024

- This Calendar reflects Aberdeenshire's school holiday pattern for 2023-2024.
- There are 2 Occasional Holidays allocated for this Session confirmed with our Cluster and Parent Council.
- The SQA exam timetable for 2024 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: October 2023

The Gordon Schools Term 1 Session 2023-2024

Monday 21st August – Friday 13th October (8 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 21 Aug	TGS In-Service (1)	Start of Term 1 for pupils		Higher and National Drama trip to Aberdeen	
2 28 Aug	Elect S1 Pupil Council Reps & fill vacancies Fire Service New Driver Training P 1 - 4				
3 4 Sept	SRUC talks P1 - 2 Assembly Hall				Visit from Aberdeen Uni Chemistry for S3 & AH P3 – 6 16+ Forms issued to S4/5/6 pupils
4 11 Sept Hands- up Travel Survey week		S2 History class trip to Huntly Castle H Geog trip to Tarnash Falls PiP meeting (1)	Pupil Council Training P4 (S4/5/6) P5 (S1/2/3)	S2 History class trip to Huntly Castle	S2 History class trip to Huntly Castle
5 18 Sept	S2 History class trip to Huntly Castle	Pixel 8 Photography Individual & Family groups	NASSA Road Relay at Ellon	Pupil Council Meeting 1 S1/2/3 p2 S4/5/6 p3 S2 History class trip to Huntly Castle	16+ Forms completion date by pupils
6 25 Sept					
7 2 Oct	Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week	National Modern Studies trip to Edinburgh		S4 Crash Live P5 – 6 With Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	
8 9 Oct		NASSA Hockey	Higher RMPS trip	Higher Geog trip to Aberdeen Mountain Rescue talk S5 PSE P4 & 5	End of Term 1

The Gordon Schools Term 2 Session 2023-2024

Monday 30th October – Friday 22nd December (8 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 30 Oct	Start of Term 2 for all			Ex Reg for PC	National Geog trip in Huntly S3 History to Edinburgh
10 6 Nov			Pupil Council Meeting 2 S1/2/3 p2 S4/5/6 p3		S1 Remembrance Assembly
11 13 Nov		TGS Careers Fair Lunchtime – 18:00 PiP Meeting (2)	S1/2 Parents’ Meeting virtual S3 Modern Languages event at Aberdeen University	In-Service (2)	In-Service (3)
12 20 Nov	Flu Immunisation for pupils this week →			S1/2 Parents’ Meeting in person	
13 27 Nov		S4/5/6 Progress Concern letters e-mailed to families			
14 4 Dec		S4/5/6 Parents’ Meeting virtual	Ex Reg for PC		
15 11 Dec		Pupil Council Meeting 3 S1/2/3 p2 S4/5/6 p3 TGS Christmas Fair: JSA Lunchtime	S4/5/6 Parents’ Meeting in person		NASSA Swimming
16 18 Dec		S1/2/3 Christmas Dance tbc	S4/5/6 Christmas Dance tbc		End of Term 2

The Gordon Schools Term 3 Session 2023-2024

Monday 8th January – Thursday 28th March (12 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 8 Jan	Start of Term 3 for all			S2 into S3 Families Curriculum Evening	
18 15 Jan	Senior Phase Prelim Diet begins		NASSA Basketball		
19 22 Jan		Ex Reg for PC PiP Meeting (3) On-line only		Pupil Council Meeting 4 S1/2/3 p3 S4/5/6 p2	Sat 27 th PiP Coffee Morning Stewart's Hall
20 29 Jan		P7 Parents Information Evening (1)	Senior Phase Prelim Diet ends	Senior Phase Prelim Diet contingency day S3 into S4 Families Curriculum Evening & S4/5 into S5/6 Families Curriculum Evening	
21 5 Feb			S3 Parents' Meeting virtual		Occasional Day (1)
22 12 Feb	Aberdeenshire Mid-term holiday	In-Service (4)	In-Service (5)	S3 Parents' Meeting in person	
23 19 Feb				Ex Reg for PC	
24 26 Feb			Pupil Council Meeting 5 S1/2/3 p3 S4/5/6 p2		
25 4 Mar		NQ Levels confirmed with families PiP Meeting (4)			
26 11 Mar					
27 18 Mar			Ex Reg for PC		
28 25 Mar		Pupil Council Meeting 6 S1/2/3 p3 S4/5/6 p2		End of Term 3	Good Friday Easter holidays begin

The Gordon Schools Term 4 Session 2023-2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 5th July (12 weeks)

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 15 Apr	Start of Term 4 for all				
30 22 Apr	SQA NQ Exam diet begins	PiP Meeting (5)			
31 29 Apr		Ex Reg for PC		Pupil Council Meeting 7 S1/2/3 p2	
32 6 May	May Day holiday			S3 Geography trip to Cullen	
33 13 May					
34 20 May	NASSA Netball				
35 27 May	Ex Reg for PC		Pupil Council Meeting 8 S1/2/3 p4 TGS Sports Day	SQA NQ Exam diet contingency day SQA NQ Exam diet ends Reserve date: TGS Sports Day	S1/2/3 Special Events day tbc
36 3 Jun	Occasional Day (2)	New timetable for 2024-25 begins	New S6 Induction	New S5 Induction	
37 10 Jun	'Old' S3 – S6 Music & Drama trip to London	PiP AGM		London trip returns today	
38 17 Jun	Week beginning: Pupil Council Elections for 24/25				
39 24 Jun	P7 Transition Week begins	NASSA Tennis		P7 Parents Information Evening (2)	P7 Transition Week ends
40 1 July		S1/2/3 Celebration of Learning Assembly Hall (day-time event)	TGS Prize Giving (Evening event)		End of Session 23-24 SQA Results day Tuesday 6th August Pupils Return for 2024-2025 Tuesday 20th Aug

**Family dates for Calendar 2023-24:
Tracking, Reporting, Parents' Meetings & SQA NQ Assessments**

Month	Tracking Report	Full Report	Parents' Evening	Summative Assessment
October	11 Oct S1 Settling-in			
November	14 Nov S2 28 Nov S4/5/6		15 Nov S1/2 Virtual 23 Nov S1/2 In-person	
December			5 Dec S4/5/6 Virtual 13 Dec S4/5/6 In-person	
January 2024	30 Jan S3			15 – 31 Jan NQ Prelims
February			7 Feb S3 Virtual 15 Feb S3 In-person	
March	5 Mar S4/5/6			
April				22 April SQA diet begins
May	10 May S2 22 May S3	29 May S1		30 May SQA diet ends
June				



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

Coursework and assessment deadlines for our pupils 2023-24

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

Subject	Level	Piece of work to be completed	TGS completion date
Accounting	N5	Assignment:	
	H	Assignment:	
Administration and IT	N5	Assignment: 2 sessions in class	
	H	Assignment: 1 session in class	
Art & Design	N5	Portfolio Portfolio Evaluations	13 March 2024 27 March 2024
	H	Portfolio Portfolio Evaluations	13 March 2024 27 March 2024
	AH	Portfolio content (90%) Portfolio evaluation & re-positioning)	19 April 2024 16 May 2024
Biology	N5	Assignment	
	H	Assignment	
Business Management	N5	Assignment: across Term 3 in class	
	H	Assignment: across Term 3 in class	
Chemistry	N5	Assignment	
	H	Assignment	
Drama	N5	Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	
	H	Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	
	AH	Dissertation	27 March 2024
		Assignment	27 March 2024
AH	Performance Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)		
Economics	N5	Assignment: during Term 3 in class	
	H	Assignment: during Term 3 in class	
English	N4	Assignment	
	N5	Folio	
	H	Folio	
	AH	Folio & Dissertation	
French	N5	Speaking Assessment	
		Assignment: Writing	
	H	Speaking Assessment	
		Assignment: Writing	
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	
Folio			
Geography	N5	Assignment	Wb 27 Nov 2023
	H	Assignment	Wb 4 Dec 2023
	AH	Dissertation	

German	N5	Speaking Assessment	
		Assignment: Writing	
	H	Speaking Assessment	
		Assignment: Writing	
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	
Folio			
Graphic Communication	N5	Assignment in class (8 hours)	
	H	Assignment in class (8 hours)	
History	N5	Assignment	Wb 4 March 2024
	H	Assignment	Wb 20 Nov 2023
	AH	Dissertation	
Human Biology	H	Assignment	
Modern Studies	N5	Assignment	
	H	Assignment	
	AH	Dissertation	
Music	N5	Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	
		Assignment	20 March 2024
	H	Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	
		Assignment	20 March 2024
	AH	Performing Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	
		Assignment	20 March 2024
Music Technology	N5	Assignment	22 February 2024
Photography	NPA	Course Units	
	H	Folio Final Draft Folio Final Submission	28 March 2024 16 May 2024
Physical Education	N5	Performance	
		Portfolio	
	H	Performance	
Physics	N5	Assignment	
	H	Assignment	
Practical Cookery	N5	Assignment	
	N5	Practical Activity	
	N4	Practical Activity	
Practical Woodwork	N5	Course Assessment	
RMPS	H	Assignment	15 Nov 2023
Spanish	N5	Speaking Assessment	
		Assignment: Writing	
	H	Speaking Assessment	
		Assignment: Writing	
	AH	Speaking Assessment period (Visiting Examiner)	
Folio			



The Gordon Schools Pupil Council Timeline for meetings for session 2023-24



Week beginning 5 June	New classes formed with timetable change
Week beginning 12 June	Discussion around new Class Representatives & Deputes
Week beginning 19 June	Election of new Class Representatives & Deputes S2 – S6
Week beginning 4 September	S1 Pupil Council Elections and S2 – S6 vacancies
Tuesday 12 September	Pupil Council Training: All new Representatives & Deputes
From Wednesday 13 September	Preparation for Meeting 1 (extended Reg on Mon 18 Sept)
Thursday 21 September	Meeting 1 (S1/2/3 period 2 and S4/5/6 period 3)
Week beginning 30 October	Preparation for Meeting 2 (extended Reg on Thurs 2 Nov)
Wednesday 8 November	Meeting 2 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 2 and S4/5/6 period 3)
Week beginning 4 December	Preparation for Meeting 3 (extended Reg on Wed 6 Dec)
Tuesday 12 December	Meeting 3 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 2 and S4/5/6 period 3)
Week beginning 15 January	Preparation for Meeting 4 (extended Reg on Tues 23 Jan)
Thursday 25 January	Meeting 4 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 3 and S4/5/6 period 2)
Week beginning 19 February	Preparation for Meeting 5 (extended Reg on Thurs 22 Feb)
Wednesday 28 February	Meeting 5 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 3 and S4/5/6 period 2)
Week beginning 18 March	Preparation for Meeting 6 (extended Reg on Wed 20 Mar)
Tuesday 26 March	Meeting 6 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 3 and S4/5/6 period 2)
Week beginning 22 April	Preparation for Meeting 7 (extended Reg on Tues 30 April)
Thursday 2 May	Meeting 7 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 2)
Week beginning 20 May	Preparation for Meeting 8 (extended Reg on Mon 27 May)
Wednesday 29 May	Meeting 8 with action points and feedback (S1/2/3 period 4) rearrange due to Sports Day
Week beginning 3 June	New classes formed with timetable change
Week beginning 10 June	Discussion around new Class Reps & Deputes
Week beginning 17 June	Elect new Class Representatives & Deputes
Week beginning 2 September	Elect new S1 Class Representatives & Deputes & fill any S2 – S6 class vacancies

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.