



PARENTS' INFORMATION BOOKLET

2026/2027 SESSION

C A L E N D A R

Holidays

Friday 18 September - Monday 21 September	-	September Holiday Weekend
Friday 9 October	-	End of Term 1
Monday 12 October - Friday 23 October	-	October Holidays
Monday 26 October	-	Start of Term 2
Friday 18 December	-	End of Term 2
Monday 21 December Friday 1 January	-	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 5 January	-	Start of Term 3
Monday 8 February	-	February Mid-term Holiday
Thursday 25 March	-	End of Term 3
Friday 26 March Friday 9 April	-	Easter Holidays
Monday 12 April	-	Start of Term 4
Monday 3 May	-	May Day Holiday
Friday 2 July	-	End of Term 4
Monday 17 August	-	Start of 26/27 Session for Pupils

In-Service Days

The school will be closed to pupils on the following dates to create time for staff and school development activities:

Friday 15 August 2026
 Friday 14 November 2026
 Tuesday 10 February 2027
 Wednesday 11 February 2027
 Tuesday 5 May 2027

Exam Diets

S4 Estimate Exams	-	23 November 26 – 4 December 26
S5/6 Estimate Exams	-	11 January 27 – 22 January 27
S4 – S6 SQA Exam Diet	-	26 April 27- 28 May 27

Please be advised there will be **no study leave for the S4 Estimate Exam** diet in November-December as this will be the first experience of an exam diet for this year stage. During this time there will be no new learning taking place in classes, instead they will receive guided support with revision from their class teachers, to support the development of good revision practices.

Study leave will be in place for the two week period of the S5/6 Estimate Exams in January- February and for the S4-6 Exam SQA Exam Diet in April-May.

Reports

Reports on pupils' progress will be issued at the following times:

S1	-	Interim Report - 30 October 26 Interim Report - 25 January 27 Comment Report – 23 April 27
S2	-	Comment Report – 20 November 26 Interim Report – 3 February 27 Interim Report - 6 May 27
S3	-	Interim Report – 8 December 26 Interim Report - 9 March 27 Comment Report – 26 May 27
S4	-	Interim Report – 23 September 26 Comment Report – 12 January 27 Interim Report – 23 March 27
S5/6	-	Interim Report – 23 September 26 Comment Report – 23 February 27 Interim Report - 23 March 27

Parents Evening

These will be in person at Dyce Academy. Information will be sent home closer to the dates.

S1	-	24 September 2026
S3	-	6 October 2026
S4	-	2 November 2026
S5/6	-	19 November 2026
S2	-	16 February 2027

Information Evenings

- S2 - Subject Choice Information Evening -
S4/5 - Subject Choice Information Evening –

If any other Information Evenings or events are arranged over the course of the year, we will be in touch to share this information well in advance to allow time to make arrangements to attend if necessary.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The School Day

Registration	8.29 - 8.35
Period 1	8.35 - 9.35
Period 2	9.35 - 10.35
Break	10.35 - 10.55
Period 3	10.55 - 11.55
Period 4	11.55 - 12.55
Lunch	12.55-1.45
Period 5	13.45-14.45
Period 6 (Mon & Tues only)	14.45-15.45

Uniform

Dyce Academy Dress Code for S1 – S6

- Black trousers/skirt – (no jeans/tracksuit bottoms/joggers)
- Plain Black jumper/cardigan or sweatshirt with the school logo.
- Plain Black/ White shirt or polo shirt.
- School tie.
- Dark smart shoes/ dark trainers.

Physical Education Kit Requirements – Red Dyce Academy T- shirt

We would also like to remind everyone of our **Swap Shop** initiative where we would gladly accept any items of school uniform that remain in good condition but have been outgrown. These can be handed in to the school office.

Pupils can then make use of the Swap Shop to access any item of uniform that they may need for themselves. Our Swap Shop locations are in the school office and in the Guidance office. Information about the Swap Shop is available on our website.

Free school meals and school clothing grant

Information and criteria on free school meals and the school clothing grant are available using the following link :-

[Apply for free school meals and School Clothing Grant | Aberdeen City Council](#)

MERITS: S1 –S3 PUPILS

The aim of this scheme is to let you share in the praise and encouragement which your child is receiving here in school. Pupils will be issued with merits by the classroom teachers for:

MERIT CATEGORIES

EXCELLENT EFFORT **(EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTOR)**

Outstanding Classwork
Exceeding Expectations/Progress
Leadership in Group Work
Enthusiastic Participation in Lesson
Excellent Homework
Taking Responsibility in own Learning
Increased Motivation
Consistently High Standard of Work
Improved Behaviour
Improved Effort

WIDER ACHIEVEMENT **(CONFIDENT INDIVIDUAL)**

Enhanced Extra Curricular Role

Wider Responsibility Across School

GOOD ASSESSMENT **(SUCCESSFUL** **LEARNER)**

Excellent Result for the individual
Resilience in Learning
Commitment to Challenge

GOOD CITIZEN **(RESPONSIBLE** **CITIZEN)**

Helping Others
Using Initiative
Acting Responsibly
Promoting Positive Ethos
Making Good Choices

25 MERITS	BRONZE Certificate
50 MERITS	SILVER Certificate
75 MERITS	GOLD Certificate
100 MERITS	PLATINUM Certificate

Class teachers will show their recognition of these qualities of your child's efforts in class by using our Pupil Management system to register their merits. These merits will also contribute to the awarding of a Diploma of Excellence at our end of year Celebration of Success event, where the young people, within each class, who achieve the highest number of Merits across the whole session will be recognised. When your child reaches an aspirational number of merits you will receive a group call from the school and your child will receive their certificate from either their Registration teacher, PT Guidance, Depute Head or for those achieving their Platinum Certificate the Head Teacher.

By working together in this way we hope that pupils will see that their positive efforts are being seen, recognised and rewarded both in school and at home. We are aware that acknowledgement of success, in whatever field, breeds more success, and we need to embrace this.

Communication From School

Parents will be kept up to date with general information from the school via text message and email. We will also issue a termly Newsletter which will provide an overview of the term. Our school website is also a source for general information. You will receive regular reports on your child's progress as outlined in the reporting schedule above. If we have any further concerns at any time, we will make contact with you. Likewise, if you have any concerns or any information you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact us via your child's Guidance teacher.

Google Classroom

All pupils will have access to a device in school to support learning when required. For each subject pupils will have a google classroom as well as a year group google classroom, which they can use to access learning activities. As parents you will have access to Google Guardian which will allow you to see the activities that have been assigned to your child.

Absence From School

Please report all absences to the school office as soon as possible. This can be done by Groupcall, email, telephone, or by providing a note in advance. If you have prior notice of the absence (e.g. an appointment or event) please let us know before the day. If it is an unplanned absence like a sickness, please let the school know as soon as possible before the school days starts. If your child comes home at lunchtime and will not be returning, please let the school know they will not be back if they are not already aware.

If we have not heard anything from home, and pupils are absent from class and cannot be accounted for within the school, a Groupcall message will be sent home to advise they are missing from class. Following receipt of the Groupcall, please respond as soon as possible.

Year Head Responsibilities

S1 & S2 & Pupil Support	Andrew Hose, Depute Head
S3 & S4	Cameron MacKenzie, Depute Head
S5 & S6	Nicola Stuart, Depute Head

Guidance

Kirkhill classes	Clare Hosie, Principal Teacher Pupil Support
Brimmond classes	Amanda Sim, Principal Teacher Pupil Support
Ramsay classes	Lisa Rodland, Principal Teacher Pupil Support
Corby classes	Sarah Washington, Principal Teacher Pupil Support

Support for Learning & ASN

Ruairidh MacDonald	Principal Teacher Pupil Support
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