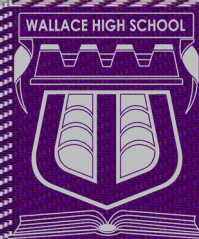


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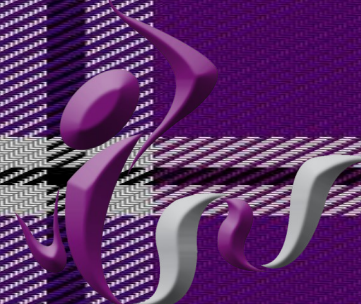
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# Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the Summer 2017 edition of Flourish!

It is always a pleasure, when writing at the end of June, to reflect back on the many achievements of young people across our school community in the past session. As I write, we have just completed two outstanding sell-out performances of our school show, *Hairspray*, thirty-one of our seniors are enjoying a life-changing environmental project in Mexico as part of the Operation Wallacea initiative, and the range of personal and team achievements from across disciplines continues to arrive daily—with examples such as both our junior and senior boys' teams being victorious at the recent Midnight League finals in Glasgow. This comes on top of some fantastic events that celebrate success, including our Junior Awards Ceremony; Sports Awards; McLachlan Games; and Ochil House Bike Relay.



Once again, this issue will expand on a range of achievements and we encourage parents to follow us on Twitter (@wallacehighsch) to keep up-to-date with the full range of achievements and opportunities that are on offer throughout the session. We aim to publish this issue as a digital only version at the start of August. This allows us to include features on the school show and Operation Wallacea and, in the midst of the holidays but beginning to think about the new term, encourages parents and pupils to think ahead to possible achievements and opportunities in the new school year.

On a personal note, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Ritchie as she retires from Wallace High following thirty-eight years in education and nineteen years serving the families of Wallace High. She will be sorely missed and we wish her a healthy and happy retirement. Thanks once again for all of your support in session 2016/17. We look forward to celebrating many more achievements in 2017/18.

Scott Pennock, Head Teacher

## Staff News...

### New Appointments...

In August we will welcome new colleagues to Wallace High's permanent staff:

Mr Jamie Henderson, Teacher of Mathematics  
Ms Alison MacRae, Teacher of Gaelic  
Ms Claudia Biancone, Teacher of Pupil Support (Learning)

Additionally, we welcome the following temporary and newly qualified teachers:

#### Temporary

Mrs Christine Burnett, Teacher of Learning Support  
Miss Shannen Lister, Teacher of Physical Education  
Miss Fiona Angus, Teacher of Music

#### Newly Qualified Teachers

Mrs Jennifer Oxburgh, Biology  
Miss Stephanie Stirling, Business Education  
Miss Amy McKenzie, English  
Miss Alison McFarlane, History  
Miss Leigh Jarvie, Home Economics  
Mr Dale Shankland, Mathematics  
Miss Sophie Deaney, Physical Education  
Miss Ellie Galbraith, Physical Education

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## Maternity Leave...

Ms Laura Devine, Mrs Leah Payne and Mrs Paula Todd commence their maternity leave in August with best wishes being sent from all our staff and pupils for the upcoming birth of their child.

## Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 22nd August	Start of New Term
Wednesday 6th September	S4 Parents' Evening
Friday 8th September	Sponsored Walk
Thursday 14th September	Senior Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 19th September	S5/S6 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 19th September	S4 Information Evening (7pm)
Wednesday 27th September	School Photographs (S1 to S5)
Monday 2nd October	School Photographs (S6 & Teams)
Wednesday 4th October	School Open Evening (P6/P7 Parents)
Monday 9th October	School Holidays

### British & Irish Lions success for former pupil...

Congratulations to former Wallace High pupil, **Finn Russell**, for his call-up to represent the British & Irish Lions tour of New Zealand in June.



Following on the back of a very successful *Six Nations* campaign and Scotland's Summer Tour 2017, Finn was asked to join the Lions' squad in New Zealand. Finn was called into action to replace regular stand-off Dan Biggar during the Lions drawn (31-31) game against the Hurricanes on 27th June.

We look forward to hearing of more success for Finn in the months and years ahead.

### Head Boy & Head Girl appointed...

Congratulations to **Aidan Kemp** and **Molly Williams** who have been appointed as Head Boy and Head girl for session 2017/18. Molly and Aidan will be supported by a team of deputies:

#### Depute Head Girls

Helen Walker

Kirsty McReight

Blain Adams

Giorgia Sanchez

Holly Kerr

Lucy Birkin

#### Depute Head Boys

Lewis Hughes

Blair Paton

Adam Shaw

Lewis Ralston

Lewis Brown

Steven Knox

### Mrs Hazel Ritchie retiral...

After a teaching career that spanned 38 years (the last 19 of which have been in Wallace), Mrs Hazel Ritchie, Senior Depute Head Teacher, has decided to retire with effect from August 2017. Mrs Ritchie has been a passionate advocate for Wallace's families throughout her time here and will be sorely missed by pupils and staff alike. We wish Mrs Ritchie every health and happiness in her well-earned retirement.

### Junior Awards Ceremony

Wallace High's Junior Awards Ceremony took place on Thursday 18th June. The guest speaker was Alex Smith, former Aberdeen and Falkirk FC manager. The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks from newly appointed Head Boy and Girl, Aidan Kemp and Molly Williams.



Congratulations to all the young people for their hard work and efforts throughout the past year.





### Play Unified...

Play Unified is an inspirational and unique initiative at Wallace High School. It is organised and led by three S6 pupils: Molly Williams, Helen Walker and myself, Niamh Reilly.

Play Unified is a lunch-time sports club that encourages everyone to get involved, bringing together pupils with and without disabilities, and using sport as a vehicle for inclusion. This club brings joy and happiness to us, as Play Unified Leaders, and to the Ochil House Pupils that come along to take part in a variety of sports. Play Unified allows a time for both Ochil House Pupils and the rest of the school to interact and learn new skills while participating in sport.

Play Unified is developing and growing within the wider school and allowing more people to be included. Throughout the past couple of months, we have introduced more pupils with and without disabilities to provide more input, helping Play Unified become a more inclusive club. We had Disability Inclusion training, through Disability Scotland, for 25 pupils from S4-S6 who came and learned new skills to help and improve the experience of the Ochil House Pupils.

Over the next year, we are hoping to push Play Unified into the wider school to make sure everyone is included and to build new friendships. We are also hoping to make Play Unified more recognised amongst a variety of subject areas outside of sport. In doing this, we hope to get Stirling University involved in assisting pupils with their activities and participating in the sports.

It has been a truly rewarding experience that I am proud to be part of.

By Niamh Reilly (S6)



### My World of Work Ambassadors...



Well done to Wallace High's *My World of Work Ambassadors*, Bruce Currie and Giorgia Sanchez, who received recognition on behalf of the My World of Work Ambassador team (Erin Pirrie, Coral Varney, and Daniel Turnbull) for all of their hard work this year.

The ambassadors have supported Wallace High School pupils in the use of career guidance tools online. The team has been involved in working with pupils during tutor group and in their own time, after school and also advising parents during information evenings, PTN meetings and parents' nights.

In the process, our My World of Work ambassadors have developed their own skills and improved their own career prospects. Applications for ambassadors for 2017-18 session is now open.

### Maths Workshop...

A group of S5 pupils attended a Mathematics



Workshop at Stirling University on Friday 16th June. They participated in games, challenges and quizzes throughout the day and showed fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm.

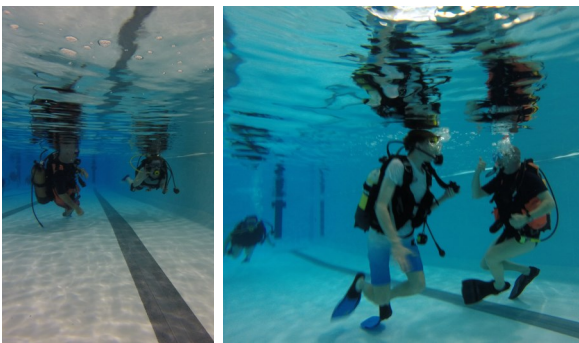
This did not only give them the opportunity to show off their Mathematical ability and Problem Solving skills but also to meet new people from various schools across the central belt, and they definitely did Wallace proud! Well done to all pupils who came along.

### Operation Wallacea Dive Trial...

On the 7th May pupils from both Wallace and Dunblane had the opportunity to take part in a SCUBA diving trial in the Wallace High pool. With instructors from Stirling Sub Aqua Club generously volunteering their time both pupils and staff had the opportunity to get to grips with SCUBA equipment, skills and taking that first nervous breath underwater.

This was all in preparation for this years Operation Wallacea expedition to Mexico where all participants will have the incredible opportunity to SCUBA dive in the warm waters off the Mexican coast, all while undertaking a PADI Open Water qualification and learning about the Caribbean's coral reef ecology.

All participants are extremely excited about their upcoming expedition and the dive trial has only heightened that excitement.



### Spirited Arts...

The department of RMPS is delighted with the response from S2 pupils as they embraced a national 'Spirited Arts' project. The pupils were given time in class and at home, to create a visual masterpiece on the theme of 'The Big, Big Questions'.



Pupils used their philosophical skills to explore the ultimate questions in life and the Head Boy and Head girl, along with members of the Senior Leadership Team, selected the winning entries.

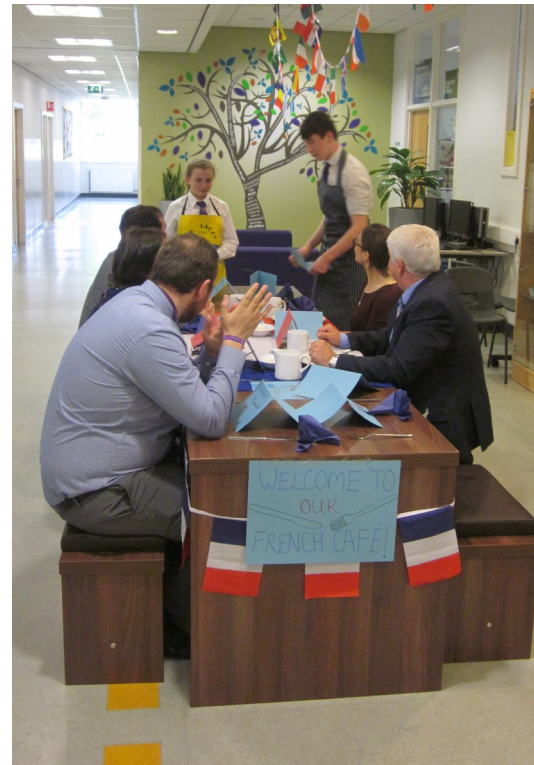
The winners from each class were awarded with

a certificate and keepsake of their choice and the top ten entries, as selected by the Head Teacher, will be put forward to a national competition. Ms Curwen was delighted with the calibre of the entries and said, 'The pupils really took this challenge to heart and showed great insight into some of the philosophical issues that we face. The thought and effort that went into these art works, show real skills of analysis and reflection.'

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### Fairtrade Café...

The Citizenship Faculty, comprising the



departments of Modern Languages and RMPS, encouraged a group of S4 pupils to engage with the concept of Fairtrade and use their language skills, to create an opportunity to brighten up the day of some of the staff! Students worked as a team over a period of 4 weeks, to prepare an International Café, which offered Fairtrade products and French cuisine.

The pupils researched the purpose of Fairtrade and used their creative skills to design menus in French. Students then selected their guests who had the chance to come along and savour the delights of their choice.

Mrs McManus explained, "The pupils really made use of this opportunity to develop their skills for the workplace. It was a pleasure to see them pull together as a team and use their communication skills to create an inviting and welcoming environment".



Wallace High School

hairspray

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Book by  
Mark O'Donnell  
Thomas Meehan

Music by  
Marc Shaiman

Lyrics by  
Scott Wittman  
Marc Shaiman

Tuesday 27 &  
Wednesday 28  
June 2017

7.30 pm

Character

Name

Tracy Turnblad	Grace Craig
Corny Collins	Sean McIlroy
Edna	Sam Harrower
Penny Pingleton	Mia Dawson
Velma Von Tussle	Aimee Kyle
Amber Von Tussle	Ellie McFarlane
Link Larkin	Josef Goodall
Seaweed J. Stubbs	Adam Craig
Little Inez	Natasha Logan
Motormouth Maybelle	Charley Wilson
Wilbur Turnblad	Amber Docherty
Mrs Prudy Pingleton	Jemma Cameron
Mr Pinky	Tom MacKay
Gym Teacher	Corinna Birkin
Harriman F. Spritzer	Mr Cruickshanks
Dynamite Judine	Emily Clark
Dynamite Kamilah	Melanie Glencross
Dynamite Shayna	Molly Mack
Matron	Emily Clark
Gilbert	Melanie Glencross
Stoogie	Katie Draper
Cindy Watkins	Rose Meikle
Lorraine	Laaraib Shah
Duane	Olivia Gill
Thad	Molly Mack
Connie	Niamh Crossley
Debbie	Kira Kettrick
Tammy	Claire McNeish
Brad	Rudy Dawson
Fender	Charlotte Kane
Brenda	Rose Meikle
Sketch	Tom MacKay
Shelley	Clara Dudley
IQ	Georgia Winters
Lou Ann	Penny Mitchell
Lindy	Leah Wilson
Guard	Rudy Dawson
Camera Operator 1	Lewis Dale
Camera Operator 2	Olivia Finlay





## hairspray The Production Team

<b>Producers:</b>	Mrs Spencer and Mrs Pirie
<b>Musical Director:</b>	Mrs Spencer
<b>Assistant Musical Director:</b>	Miss Paterson
<b>Director:</b>	Mrs Pirie
<b>Choreography:</b>	Zoe Thomson, Adam Craig, Mia Dawson
<b>Master Carpenter:</b>	Mr Auldjo
<b>Stage Design / Scenery:</b>	Mr Auldjo, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Draper and Mrs Sinclair
<b>Costumes:</b>	Mrs Draper, Mrs Sinclair, Bethany Mack and the Higher Fashion and Textile class
<b>Props:</b>	Lauren Roberts, Scott McArthur, Sophie Denholm, Lana Crow, Sara Roberts, Rachel Fitzpatrick
<b>Hair:</b>	Wallace High School Art Department
<b>Make-up:</b>	Lori McKenna
<b>Tech / Sound Effects / Lighting:</b>	Mrs Auldjo, Thomas Kane, Angus Kemlo, Lewis Dawson, Duncan Bruce, Torin Gibbons and Murray McNeish
<b>Front of House:</b>	Mrs McWatt and Mr Smith
<b>Programme/ Publicity Material / Tickets:</b>	Mrs Newall
<b>Backstage:</b>	Mrs Newall, Mrs McAdam, Mr Smith, Dr Robertson and Mr Cruickshanks
<b>Stage Managers:</b>	Angelika Glouch and Raj Thandi
<b>Stage Crew:</b>	Ms Glass, Melissa Botezatu, Angelika Glouch, Abishek Jason, Cora Morgan, Zoe Bell, Mia Kerry, Thaine Evans and Jennifer Ferguson

## hairspray The Band

<b>Keyboards:</b>	Mrs Spencer Miss Paterson Andrew Boyle
<b>Guitars:</b>	Mr Baird Mr Winton
<b>Drum kit:</b>	Mr Auldjo
<b>Percussion:</b>	Miss Murtagh
<b>Violins:</b>	Miss Sim Frazer Grant
<b>Woodwinds:</b>	Marc Spencer-Bowles
<b>Trumpet:</b>	Joshua Spencer

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### S4 Developing Essential Skills Programme...



A record number of S4 pupils participated in our five-week Developing Essential Skills Programme during May, in partnership with Skills Development Scotland. All areas of our school delivered a range of vibrant and engaging experiences, all focussed on helping participants



to develop essential employability skills. Pupils learned to use new technology in Design and Engineering, and also hosted a French café in Modern Languages, amongst many examples. Individual and team tasks challenged participants to strengthen their leadership skills. Several young people undertook work placements, in workplaces as diverse as the University of Stirling Sports Centre and Stirling Council Housing Services.

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### WHS Futures...

In our drive to offer even more aspirational employability opportunities for our pupils we continue to expand our employability-focussed Twitter feed, WHS Futures. This offers insights into college, university, apprenticeship, volunteering, skills and careers, and also lists a range of suitable part-time jobs. We would ask that pupils, parents and carers follow @WHS\_Futures to keep up to date with important employability information relevant across S1 to S6.

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### SCOTS Programme...

Twelve young people have successfully graduated from the year-long School-College Opportunities to Succeed (SCOTS) Programme at Forth Valley College. In partnership with Wallace High School, pupils studied for the SCQF 4 Employability Award with Mr Smith whilst experiencing taster sessions in eight different college courses. Now in its third year, the SCOTS Programme aims to widen pupils' understanding of college life.

At a special event held at Forth Valley College's Stirling Campus on the evening of Tuesday 31 May, the pupils were joined by their parents, school and college staff who were all keen to celebrate the successful programme.

Erin Williams felt that this opportunity had allowed her to develop her skills for learning, life and work. *"I have developed my confidence, and I've been encouraged to try new things. There's so much to do at Forth Valley College"*, she said.



Forth Valley College Principal Dr Ken Thomson, said: *"The SCOTS programme has certainly been a great success and an excellent example of the close working partnership between Forth Valley College and our local authorities. We are already looking forward to welcoming our next cohort of learners who will be able to experience the benefits of the SCOTS programme at Forth Valley College."*

Stirling Council's Chief Education Officer, Kevin Kelman, said: *"The SCOTS programme is a fantastic opportunity for fourth year pupils in Stirling to explore a range of opportunities available to them in terms of further education and a wonderful example of partnership working between Stirling Council and Forth Valley College to expand the horizons of local youngsters. We are extremely proud of our young people who have worked very hard to learn new skills in preparing them for life and work and we are delighted that they are being recognised for their efforts."*



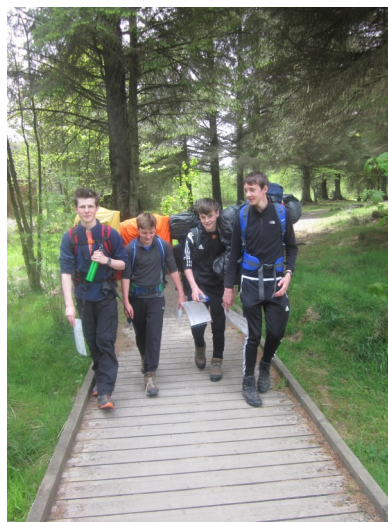
### Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme...

A record number of young people have participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme over the past session. At the time of writing, eleven S5 and S6 pupils have completed their Silver Award and 41 S4 pupils have completed the Expedition section of their Bronze Award – just a few final profile write-ups due for full completion here. Beyond the growth in participants' organisation and team working skills, our local community has benefitted from hundreds of hours of voluntary service. The range is phenomenal: marshalling at Stirling Junior Park Run, coaching sports with primary school pupils, raising funds for a variety of charities, looking after animals at Bandeath Dog Shelter and running activities for Brownies and Cubs.

Bronze Award participants completed their overnight practice expedition in the Dollar hills area, and their qualifying expedition in the Fintry hills area. The weather was best described as 'mixed' – from scorching heat to torrential rain in the space of a week! Mr Smith undertook the role of expedition assessor and was incredibly proud of all pupils, who worked together during some very challenging moments. It was great to see young people planning their meals together, with cooked breakfasts being a popular choice!

Silver Award participants, who had completed two-night practice expedition in the Trossachs area last October, ventured further northwards for their qualifying expedition. Their 50 mile route started at Brig O'Turk, passing through Strathyre and finishing in Killin. The second night was spent at Lochearnhead Scout Station, in the grounds of a fascinating railway station frozen in time from the 1950s. All participants placed a significant amount of effort into completing their expedition, at a busy time of year with coursework deadlines looming. It is to their absolute credit that they rose to, and vastly exceeded, their challenges in a good natured, collective manner.

All expeditions were made possible through the efforts of the whole DofE staff team which includes Ms Curry, Mr Gracie, Mrs Auldjo, Mr Buchanan, Mr Cruickshanks, Miss Glass and Miss Ross. After a well-earned break, next session's eager participants will begin their training. To find out more about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Wallace High School, follow @WHS\_Futures on Twitter.





### McLachlan Games 2017...

Wallace High's annual McLachlan Games was held on Friday 23rd June with fantastic participation of both pupils and staff.



### Sports' Awards 2017...

To round off another very successful year for sports in Wallace, the annual Sports' Awards evening was held on Thursday 22nd June.





Wallacea: Mexico 2017...



# Wallace High School

## 2017 ~ PARENTAL CALENDAR ~ 2018

WEEK	Begins	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	21 Aug	INSET 1	Pupils Return	HT Parental Drop-in: 15.30-16.30	AH Biology - FVC	AH Biology - FVC
2	28 Aug				PTN Meeting – 19.00	
3	4 Sep			S4 PARENTS 16.00-18.30 UCAS Evening ~ 19.00		Sponsored Walk
4	11 Sep	D of E Silver	D of E Silver	D of E Silver	Senior Awards ~ 19.00	Higher Geo Lake District
QA	18 Sep		S5/6 PARENTS 16.30-19.00 S4 Info Evening ~ 19.00			
6	25 Sep			School Photos ~ S1-5/DofE	D of E Silver (27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> )	S3 TRACKING ISSUED/DOFE
7	2 Oct	School Photos ~ Teams & S6	PTN Meeting – 19.00	Primary/S1 Parents Open Evening ~ 19.00		Battle of the Bands/ Term Ends 15.05
9 Oct		H O L I D A Y		H O L I D A Y		H O L I D A Y
8	16 Oct	Staff & Pupils Return			S4-6 TRACKING ISSUED HT Parental Drop-in: 16.00	
9	23 Oct		S1 PARENTS 16.30-19.00			
10	30 Oct					S2 TRACKING ISSUED
11	6 Nov		CAREERS FAIR (TBC)	PTN Meeting – 19.00		
12	13 Nov	Samye Ling Trip this week	Higher Human Bio to Ed	Shakespeare Festival		PTN Ceilidh
13	20 Nov	S2 PARENTS 16.30-19.00			INSET 2	INSET 3 Health & Safety Committee
14	27 Nov	Senior Phase Prelims S4				
15	4 Dec		Junior Dance – 19.00			S1 TRACKING ISSUED
16	11 Dec			Christmas Concert – 19.00		S3 TRACKING ISSUED
17	18 Dec	WIDER ACH/CHAPLAIN ASSEMBLIES			Senior Dance – 19.00	Term Ends 12.45
25 Dec & 6 Jan		H O L I D A Y		H O L I D A Y		H O L I D A Y
18	8 Jan	Staff & Pupils Return		S3 PARENTS 16.00-18.30 S3 Options Information ~ 19.00		HT Parental Drop-in: 15.30-16.30
19	15 Jan	Senior Phase Prelims S5/6	PTN Meeting – 19.00			S3 Options Interviews am
20	22 Jan		S4 PARENTS 16.30-19.00			S2 Pers & Choice
21	29 Jan					
22	5 Feb			S4-6 TRACKING ISSUED	S5/6 PARENTS 16.00-18.30 S4/5 Options Information ~ 7pm	
23	12 Feb	INSET 4 Health & Safety Committee	INSET 5	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
24	19 Feb	Staff & Pupils Return	S4/5 Options Interviews am	P6/7 Primary Parents – School of Sport – 19.00		
25	26 Feb					S2 TRACKING ISSUED
26	5 Mar					
27	12 Mar	S2 PARENTS 16.30-19.00		Fashion Show – 19.00(TBC)		
28	19 Mar				PTN Meeting – 19.00/ Primary Transition Music Day	
29	26 Mar	WIDER ACH/CHAPLAIN ASSEMBLIES		Spring Concert – 19.00	Term Ends 15.05	HOLIDAY
2 & 9 Apr		H O L I D A Y		H O L I D A Y		H O L I D A Y
30	16 Apr	Staff & Pupils Return			HT Parental Drop-in: 16.00-17.00	
31	23 Apr	School of Sport Trials This Week			S6 Graduation – 16.00	SQA Exam Leave @ 15.05 S1 TRACKING ISSUED
32	30 Apr	SQA Exams Begin	S1 PARENTS 16.30-19.00		Valencia trip leaves	
33	7 May	HOLIDAY	S4 Induction Day 1	S4 Induction Day 2/ S3 Graduation	ACTIVITIES	
34	14 May	Timetable Begins New S2-4		Friends of Logie Debate		
35	21 May		P7 Parents Information Evening – 19.00		P7 Induction Day	P7 Induction Day
36	28 May		PTN AGM – 19.00		S4 Geo Field Trip Aberfoyle	Exams End S6 PROM
37	4 Jun	S5/6 Induction Day 1	S5/6 Induction Day 2	Timetable Begins New S5-6		
38	11 Jun				Junior Awards ~ 19.00	
39	18 Jun	NEW S3 PARENTS 16.30-19.00			Sports Awards ~ 16.00	McLachlan Games
40	25 Jun		SCHOOL SHOW	SCHOOL SHOW		Term Ends 12.45