

# GLENIFFER HIGH SCHOOL

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Date: 100625

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we embark on another academic year, as year head, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important expectations and opportunities for our S6 pupils, ensuring all students are well-prepared for a successful year ahead.

## Attendance

Attendance is a crucial component of academic achievement. Regular attendance is vital for maintaining momentum in learning and understanding the material across the four subjects that each student is required to study, alongside wider achievement activities which may include volunteering and extracurricular involvement. However, for those studying Advanced Higher subjects, we understand that they may focus on three subjects in total, given the rigorous nature of this level of self-driven study required.

Attendance	
ATTENDANCE %	IMPACT
85-90%	LIKELY TO DROP 1 GRADE IN 1 OUT OF 4 SUBJECTS
80-85%	LIKELY TO DROP 1 GRADE IN 2 OUT OF 3 SUBJECTS
75-80%	LIKELY TO DROP 1 GRADE IN EVERY SUBJECT
70-75%	LIKELY TO DROP 2 GRADES IN 2 OUT OF 3 SUBJECTS
65-70%	LIKELY TO DROP 2 GRADES IN 3 OUT OF 4 SUBJECTS

The Senior Leadership team are prioritising moderation of S5 and S6 attendance this academic session, with a **minimum of 85% attendance** expected for any S6 pupils who wish to attend prom.



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## Attainment

This year S6 pupils are given the opportunity to engage in Wider Achievement Accreditation, Volunteering and Leadership alongside their academic presentations. The opportunities will afford learners the skills and experiences to thrive if life beyond school and set them apart from their peers.

As part of our commitment to modernising our reporting processes in line with the Renfrewshire green print strategy, I would like to inform you that **all tracking and reporting will now be conducted digitally**. We will no longer be providing paper copies. If you have not yet signed up for our Parent Portal, I highly recommend doing so to access reports and updates efficiently. Further details can be found at <http://www.parentportal.scot>].

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## Leadership Opportunities

We are delighted to offer several leadership opportunities for our S6 pupils. These opportunities are afforded as representatives of the school community and as such, conduct in and outside of school must be to the highest standard to be considered for any of these roles:

**The Student Leadership Team** plays a pivotal role in representing our school at various events, meeting visitors, developing fundraising initiatives, and organising significant school functions, such as the Prom and Snobal, as well as supporting charitable causes like Children in Need. Members are held to high expectations of excellence in their conduct and commitment, and it is important that these responsibilities do not interfere with their academic attainment.

**Our House Captains** represent the House groups of Brodie, Glen, Moredun and Thornly House. These pupils will be responsible for promoting a positive ethos and house spirit. Pupils will be involved in fundraising for the school, organising charity events, competitive house events and contributing to the school yearbook.

**Prefects and S6 buddies** will assist in supporting younger learners within the Broad General Education (BGE) phase, supporting learners who need support with reading, writing, peer groups and will also gain SQA accreditation for their volunteering efforts.

Furthermore, we will once again be offering the **Mark Scott Award**, recognising outstanding contributions to the school and community.

We are excited to introduce a **Social Media Team**, working closely with Mrs Dhami, which will serve as a promotional group for our school's events and activities. This is another wonderful opportunity for students to hone their communication and leadership skills while positively representing our school.



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I will be sharing application forms with S6 pupils for these opportunities so that interest can be gauged. Candidates will be expected to give supporting reasons for their application and those successful will be invited for interview.

## **Communication**

To facilitate communication regarding events and opportunities, all S6 pupils must join our designated Teams group. This will serve as an important platform for sharing information throughout the year. This has been shared at assembly however, pupils who were absent can join this group via the below teams code:

**ddwud9o**

Please note that S6 pupils are required to sign in and out of school if they are choosing to come in later or leave throughout parts of the day. The sign in book is outside the Janitors offices. This will facilitate health and safety in the event of a fire evacuation.

I understand that this academic year will present a cumulative schedule of events, which may pose financial considerations for some families. To assist in planning, we have included a breakdown of approximate costs from previous years, along with suggested timelines for payments, ensuring that families can budget accordingly. As events transpire, I will send letters detailing dates, times and costings but felt this would be helpful for parents and carers to gauge costings for the year ahead. If any families require financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact either me or the head teacher.

Event	When in <b>2024-25</b>	<b>2024-25 Cost</b>
Halloween Disco	October	£6
Snobal	December	£8
Yearbook	January	£28
Prom	June (payment in 2 instalments Dec and Feb)	£50
Leavers Hoody	February	£22
Graduation Gown	March	£15
S6 Last day (Lapwing or other*)	April	£30

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to ensure that every pupil thrives in our school community. Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding any aspect of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

*Debbie Martin*

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