

**Gleniffer High School
Parent Council**

**Annual General Meeting Session 2025-2026
Chair Report**

Parent Councils have an important role to play in school improvement by ensuring that the parental perspective is represented and considered in the life of the school.

We meet regularly throughout the year with Head Teacher Lisa Chalmers and members of her team, creating an opportunity for open discussion and collaboration on issues that matter to pupils, parents and staff.

These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss and review a wide range of matters affecting the school community, including school policies, attainment initiatives, staffing updates and pupil wellbeing.

It is important to note that the Parent Council is not a forum for discussing matters relating to individual pupils, families or members of staff. Rather, it serves as a strategic partnership between parents and the school, helping to strengthen communication, understanding and collaboration across the wider school community.

Appreciation

I would like to thank all Parent Council members for their attendance, support and willingness to share their views throughout the year. Your engagement helps ensure that parents have a voice and that our discussions remain open, positive and productive.

A special thank you goes to our Secretary, Susan Gray. Her organisation, support and gentle reminders throughout the year have been invaluable, and I am extremely grateful for everything she does behind the scenes.

I would also like to thank Lisa Chalmers and her team for their openness and commitment to working with the Parent Council. The information they share gives us a much greater understanding of both the challenges and successes involved in running a modern secondary school.

Highlights from the Year

Over the past year, we have been kept informed about staffing changes and recruitment, the successful introduction of assessment blocks for senior pupils, developments around pupil facilities, including access to toilets, and the return of a refreshed work experience programme.

We have also welcomed the involvement of a local police officer who has built positive relationships with pupils and supported the wider school community.

It was great to see the return of the Broad General Education Prize Giving for S1 to S3 pupils. This was a fantastic event and an important opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements, effort and progress of younger pupils within the school. Congratulations to all those who received awards.

Student Leadership

I would like to recognise our outgoing S6 Student Leaders. Their commitment, enthusiasm and support for the Parent Council, PTA and wider school community was outstanding. We wish them every success with their future careers.

I have once again been delighted to support the interview and selection process for the incoming cohort of Student Leaders and look forward to working with them during the coming year.

On a personal note, I continue to enjoy being involved in the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative finals. Every year I am impressed by the passion and dedication shown by our young people as they compete for funding for their chosen charities.

Partnership with the Parent Teacher Association

The Parent Teacher Association has continued to play a vital role in supporting Gleniffer High School through fundraising and community engagement activities.

My thanks go to all PTA members and volunteers for their significant contribution to the Christmas Fayre and the Summer Fundraising activities.

It is also encouraging that several members contribute to both the Parent Council and the PTA, helping to strengthen collaboration and ensure that parental support has the greatest possible impact on the school community.

Looking Ahead

Building on the positive momentum of the past year, we look forward to continuing our close partnership with the school, the Student Leadership Team, the PTA and the wider Parent Forum.

By maintaining open communication, mutual respect and a shared commitment to improvement, we can continue to help Gleniffer High School thrive.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of our current Parent Council members and office bearers for their support over the past year.

We will shortly move on to the election of office bearers for the coming session.

New voices and fresh perspectives are always welcome, and every contribution helps us strengthen our partnership with the school.

Julie Connell

Parent Council Chair 2025-2026