

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the school's thoughts on the use of AI in schools, for pupils and teachers?

AI can be used to benefit young people and educate them on the development to be used for good. In Senior years, we are increasingly vigilant and educate young people on ensuring that they always submit their own work as per the SQA guidelines for qualifications.

What are the rotation subjects (S1)?

To support young people, we have reduced the number of different teachers that S1 pupils see. To ensure that they receive specialist teaching, they will rotate within curricular areas. For example, in Expressive Arts, young people will experience a rotation of drama, music and art.

How do pupils get involved with Duke of Edinburgh?

If pupils are interested in DoE, they can speak with Ms Notman (Teacher of Home Economics) or Ms Morran (PT Pupil Support).

Bullying in school is a real concern for my child

Bullying in school is unacceptable.

Last session, we reviewed our anti-bullying policy, and you can see a copy of it, including what we do to investigate, log and resolve bullying incidents. Website: [PowerPoint Presentation \(kinrosshighschool.org.uk\)](http://kinrosshighschool.org.uk)

We also address bullying proactively through our PSE (Personal and Social Education) programme. We promote our school values of being responsible and build a sense of community through events and activities so that all pupils feel included in our school.

What does Part 1 or Part 2 Parents' Evenings mean?

To ensure that parents have two opportunities to meet teachers, we split the S1 Parents' Evenings into two parts. Part 1 will provide an opportunity to meet with some subjects e.g. English, Maths, Social Subjects and Languages. In part 2, parents will receive feedback from the remainder of subject.

Extra-Curricular Subject sign up – how do they decide who gets in?

All young people are able to sign up to extra-curricular clubs. There are no entry requirements. Our Pupil Bulletin details the extra-curricular clubs. On Thursday, we had a freshers' fayre to promote all the activities available.

Why did the school choose to offer individual sciences, not broad double science in S3-S5?

We offer qualifications from the Scottish Qualifications Agency (SQA). This exam board offers Biology, Chemistry and Physics as qualifications at National 5 level and above. There is a 'Science' qualification which combines input from all 3 sciences, and it is offered at 4 level. Most of our learners wish to follow courses at National 5 level, hence the offer of individual sciences.

We have also introduced a number of new science qualifications. These include Nation 5 lab science, National 5 Practical electronics, National 5 Health Sector and Level 6 (Higher) Scientific Technologies. We will continue to look at new qualifications to enhance our curriculum offer.

Are you going to install vape detectors?

We have requested a quote from our building provider so that we can explore the feasibility of installing vape detectors.

Are you going to ban mobile phones?

The local authority plans to consult with staff, pupils and parents about the use of mobile phones. This is so that there is a consistent approach in all schools across Perth and Kinross.

While the consultation is being undertaken, we will continue to apply our responsible use policy. This provides clear guidance about when phones can be used through a traffic light system.

Are all teaching positions filled at the school?

We have recently recruited a teacher of maths and modern languages. While recruitment concludes, both vacancies are filled with specialist teachers.

Could you please tell us if there are any planned changes to the S3/S4 National 5s and Highers mentioned previously by the Scottish Government?

The Scottish Government announced that as part of wider education reform, SQA is to be replaced by a new qualifications body. This new organisation will take on SQA's current awarding functions, including responsibility for the design and delivery of all qualifications, the running of exams and the awarding of certificates.

The indicative timetable for the creation of the new qualifications body is after the completion of exams in 2025 although further detailed planning is required.

Pupil Support – what does It involve?

Young people have a dedicated guidance teacher (PT Pupil Support) who supports them in school. They also teach them each week in PSE. Young people are supported with their attendance, behaviour, attainment and achievement as well as planning life beyond the school.

Are there social (non-science) based advanced highers?

Yes, Advanced Highers are available in all subject areas, however this varies each year depending on uptake around pupil choice. To support us, we have a virtual campus which is an online offering from PKC, Angus and Dundee schools which provides for subjects that have a lower uptake.

How do we access more detailed info on career choices/future options etc?

Our school website has detailed information about all course choice information. Myworldofwork.co.uk is a good website to use to explore future options. Young people and parents can also contact our in-school Skills Development Scotland careers coach to discuss anything further.

Is Nat 4 available in all subjects?

Yes. We offer National 4 where appropriate.

Are there sports teams that compete against other schools?

Yes, there are many opportunities for young people to compete against other schools. Some of these include basketball, athletics, rugby, football, volleyball and cross country. Young people also represent the school in several affiliated sports teams such as equestrian, curling and skiing.