



BRECHIN HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2!



A warm welcome back to all of our pupils, families, and staff as we kick off Term 2! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and is returning refreshed, recharged, and ready for a busy, rewarding term ahead.

Our S4-6 pupils will be preparing for their prelim exams. Prelims provide an invaluable opportunity to gauge progress, identify areas for improvement, and build confidence needed for the final QS exams later in the year.

Staff across all departments are dedicated to supporting pupils and we encourage pupils to establish a strong study routine early in the term and to make full use of the support available.

We are particularly proud and excited to welcome His Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HMIE) to Brechin High School this week. This visit offers a wonderful platform to highlight the dedication of our staff, the amazing achievements of our pupils, and the strong community values that drive our school forward every day. We look forward to demonstrating the fantastic work happening across our classrooms and wider school community.

2026/27 Pupil Leadership Team

A special thank you goes to our dedicated Pupil Leadership Team! These young people work hard behind the scenes to champion the pupil voice, organise key events, and foster an inclusive, encouraging culture across the campus.

Through their effort and leadership, they remind us daily what it means to be #Proud to be Brechin.

School Captains

- Daniel
- Jamie



House Captains

- Abigail (Farnell)
- Lexie (Menmuir)
- Daniel (Dun)

School Community Captain

- Leslie (6M)

Sports Captain

- Argyle (6M)

ASN Captain

- Elizabeth (6M)





S1 Reflects on Their First Term!

Transitioning from primary school to high school is a major milestone, and our new S1 cohort has officially survived and thrived through Term 1! We caught up with several S1 pupils across the school to hear their honest thoughts on settling in, the subjects they love, teacher shout-outs, and what surprised them most about high school life.

Starting secondary school often comes with a bit of anxiety, big buildings, new routines, and rumours of scary teachers. However, S1 pupils were relieved to find that the reality was much friendlier than expected.

"I imagined it to be big and was told stories of bad teachers, but it wasn't what I expected at all. It's far easier to be in high school now that we're actually here!"

While early morning alarms and unexpected cold-calling in class got a few playful complaints, the overall consensus was overwhelmingly positive. Summing up their first term in three words, students described it as "Amazing, Great, Lovely," with many highlighting that making new friends was the absolute best part of joining the high school community.

With Term 1 under their belts, the S1s are feeling confident and looking forward to what comes next. A huge congratulations to all our S1 pupils on completing a successful first term. Keep up the brilliant energy, and enjoy Term 2!





S4 Rugby Dominates Lathallan in Grand Finale

During the final week of term 1, S4s played against Lathallan in team rugby and won by 50 points! They combined a style of ferocious physical intensity and liquid free flowing rugby. Key players of the match were Ruairidh Arbuthnott, Alistair Sellar, and Robert Mather.

We're taking a one-week break from the newsletter for the upcoming S3 trip with Columba 1400!



Next week, some of our S3 pupils are heading to the Isle of Skye for an amazing leadership experience with Columba 1400!

During the trip, students will participate in workshops and activities focused on building courage, teamwork, confidence, and practical life skills. Upon returning, pupils will apply their learning to a dedicated follow-up project.

What is the purpose of this trip?

To build core leadership skills, courage, teamwork, and confidence through immersive challenges.

Who is funding this trip?

Thanks to full funding from the school and Columba 1400, this opportunity comes at zero cost to families. This joint investment reflects our belief in our young people and their futures.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS FACULTY

Autumn Concert 2026

Congratulations to all our performers who took part in the Autumn Concert on Tuesday 29th September.

Your hard work and dedication really shone through in your beautiful performances. Well done!

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Angus Regional Orchestra

We were so proud of all our performers who took part in the Angus Regional Orchestras Concert in the Reid Hall in Forfar!

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Wednesday 28th October

S5/6 Parent Evening



To ensure every pupil can thrive in a positive, focused learning environment, we would like to remind all families of two core school standards:

- **School Uniform:** Wearing full school uniform promotes a strong sense of community, equality, and pride in our school identity. We appreciate the continued support of parents and carers in ensuring pupils arrive fully equipped and dressed appropriately each day.
- **Mobile Phones:** To help maintain focus and reduce daily distractions, mobile phones must be kept away and out of sight during class time. Keeping learning spaces distraction-free empowers pupils to fully engage with their studies and peers. Leave them at home, in your locker or in the blue box!

Ready to Test Your Brainpower? Take Glen's Ultimate General Knowledge Quiz!



Think you know a little bit about everything? It's time to put your trivia skills to the test! Glen has put together a fantastic General Knowledge Quiz. It's quick, engaging, and the perfect way to give your brain a workout while learning a few surprising fun facts along the way.

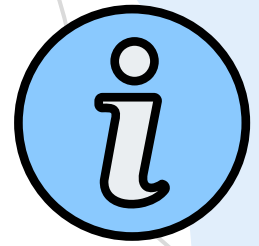
Quizzes are always more fun with a little friendly rivalry! Gather your friends, challenge your family, or test yourself solo to see how high you can score. Can you claim the title of ultimate trivia champion?

Weekly Bulletin General Knowledge Quiz 19/10/26



There will be 5 sections of increasing difficulty, with 4 questions each. Feel free to answer in lowercase or uppercase (not all uppercase, though).







Angus 01241 872989
Dundee 01382 456012
Perth 01738 580336

KINSHIP FAMILY SUPPORT

Kith & Kin is a charitable service, providing support to Kinship Carers and the children/young people they look after (0-18yrs), who have been affected by parental alcohol or substance use.

KITH&KIN PROVIDE:

- 1:1 sessions - at home, in schools, TCA premises, community etc.
- Youth groups
- Kinship Carers group
- Whole family support
- Family activities & outings
- Signposting to other services
- Information around legal proceedings eg. Residence/KCO
- Attendance and advocacy at meetings

CONTACT US:

For further information, contact Laurie at laurie.cook@tca-dundee.com, or on your relevant locality number noted above.



 Tayside Council on Alcohol

 @taysidealcohol





CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S THERAPY SERVICES

ADVICE LINE

(FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS)





01382 740317

TUESDAYS 9.30AM - 11.30AM
NEW TIME THURSDAYS 2PM - 4PM

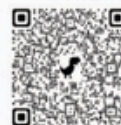


SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY

Do you have a concern about a child or young person's speech, language or communication?

We can offer a wealth of information including advice, guidance, reassurance or strategies on speech, language, communication and eating and drinking.





OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Do you have concerns regarding a child's daily occupations?

We can offer universal advice, strategies & reassurance to help you support children and young people who may be struggling with self-care, play &/or leisure activities at nursery, school or home.





PHYSIOTHERAPY

Do you have concerns about a child or young person's physical development or mobility?

We can offer practical therapy advice, information and reassurance about concerns such as: delayed physical development; children that move differently or not able to keep up with peers; injuries that are not improving.



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Angus Makaton Workshops

These workshops are for parents/carers and professionals of children and young people who would benefit from Makaton to support their communication. These workshops are for participants who live or work in Tayside.

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 27 th January 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 1	09:30 – 13:00	Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre (WHCCC), Forfar DD8 3DY
Friday 29 th January 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 2	09:30 – 13:00	Lintrathen Conference Room (27/01/27) Rescobie Conference Room (29/01/27)
Wednesday 24 th February 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 1	09:30 – 13:00	Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre (WHCCC), Forfar DD8 3DY
Friday 26 th February 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 2	09:30 – 13:00	Lintrathen Conference Room
Wednesday 17 th March 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 1	09:30 – 13:00	Arbroath Infirmary, Arbroath DD11 2AT
Friday 19 th March 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 2	09:30 – 13:00	The Boardroom (Administration building next to the Physiotherapy building by Viewfield Road)
Wednesday 28 th April 2027 Makaton Level 2, module 3	09:30 – 13:00	Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre (WHCCC), Forfar DD8 3DY
Friday 30 th April 2027 Makaton Level 2, module 4	09:30 – 13:00	Rescobie Conference Room (28/4/2027) Lintrathen Conference Room (30/4/2027) Whitehills Health and Community Care
Wednesday 26 th May 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 1	09:30 – 13:00	Centre (WHCCC), Forfar DD8 3DY
Friday 28 th May 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 2	09:30 – 13:00	Lintrathen Conference Room Arbroath Infirmary, Arbroath DD11 2AT
Wednesday 25 th August 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 1	09:30 – 13:00	The Boardroom (Administration building next to the Physiotherapy building by Viewfield Road)
Friday 27 th August 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 2	09:30 – 13:00	Whitehills Health and Community Care
Wednesday 29 th September 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 1	09:30 – 13:00	Centre (WHCCC), Forfar DD8 3DY
Friday 1 st October 2027 Makaton Level 1, module 2	09:30 – 13:00	Lintrathen Conference Room Arbroath Infirmary, Arbroath DD11 2AT
Wednesday 27 th October 2027 Makaton Level 2, module 3	09:30 – 13:00	The Boardroom (Administration building next to the Physiotherapy building by Viewfield Road)
Friday 29 th October 2027 Makaton Level 2, module 4	09:30 – 13:00	Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre (WHCCC),
Wednesday 24 th November 2027 Makaton Level 2, module 3	09:30 – 13:00	Forfar DD8 3DY
Friday 26 th November 2027 Makaton Level 2, module 4	09:30 – 13:00	Lintrathen Conference Room

For bookings, please call the Angus CYP Speech and Language Therapy Department on 01307 475060 and ask for Lyndsey Murdie. Alternatively you can book on tay.angusslt@nhs.scot

If you need to cancel, please do so ASAP as there are only limited spaces on these workshops. Cancellations won't be refunded; you will instead be offered one space on a future workshop.

You must stay for the duration of the workshops to receive your certificate of completion. Both dates within the same week must be attended.

In order to attend Level 2, you must have completed Level 1; please email us a copy of your Level 1 certificate if delivered by another Makaton tutor.

There is a cost for the participant's manual for each level; details when you book. Payment for parents/carers is by cheque (Payable to NHS Tayside) or BACS. Payment for staff can be invoiced to your place of work - details required when you book. Payment must be received prior to attending the workshop.

You will receive the manual on the day of the workshop.

Refreshments can be purchased in the café at the entrance to WHCCC.



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