

Breadalbane Parent Council
c/o Breadalbane Academy
Crieff Road
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Parent Council Meeting: 6:30pm, Thursday 31 January, Breadalbane Academy

Dear Parent or Carer,

Did you know that the future of Pitlochry High School is under review? And that this review has serious implications for the future of Breadalbane Academy. Perth and Kinross Council is considering five options for the future of Pitlochry High School:

1. Close Pitlochry High School.
2. Improve the condition of Pitlochry High School and keep the school open.
3. Pitlochry High School pupils to stay in Pitlochry for S5 and S6.
4. Extend the catchment area of Pitlochry to increase the number of kids going there.
5. Move pupils to Breadalbane Academy in S4 rather than S5.

Breadalbane Academy Parent Council is particularly concerned about option 3: extending Pitlochry High School, so that pupils stay there in S5 and S6. If that happens, Breadalbane Academy could lose between 40 and 70 pupils. That means cuts in funding and teacher numbers.

With fewer teachers it is anticipated that there will be an impact on the range of subjects pupils can choose.

Nor is this only a concern for parents and pupils in the Breadalbane Academy catchment. Even with an S5 and S6, Pitlochry High School would also be one of the smallest secondary schools on mainland Scotland. This means it would face the same challenges.

As a parent council, we are talking to Perth and Kinross Council to try and understand if it can guarantee pupils at Breadalbane Academy and across Highland Perthshire the same breadth and depth of education they benefit from today, should these reforms go ahead.

We want to hear your views and we need your help to get our message fed into the Estates Review process. No matter what happens at Pitlochry High School, we want a guarantee that all children in Highland Perthshire will still have access to the same standard of education they do today.

Come to the **parent council meeting at 6:30pm, Thursday 31 January, at Breadalbane Academy.**

Best regards

Eleanor Laurie and Lyndsey Hurley
Co-chairs, Breadalbane Academy Parent Council

**THESE CHANGES COULD IMPACT ON YOUR CHILDREN.
PLEASE GET ALONG TO THE MEETING TO ENSURE YOUR VIEWS ARE HEARD.**