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One characteristic defines Morrison’s Academy above all others: its unique atmosphere. We believe that no other school in Scotland possesses such a family-oriented, inclusive spirit as Morrison’s Academy. This has been nurtured through generations of Morrisonian pupils who have benefited from two key features: the school is large enough for breadth of choice yet small enough for every individual to have the opportunity to flourish and participate.

Morrison’s Academy has a rich history and a long tradition of successful academic teaching of boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 18. A team of dedicated professionals, who cherish traditional values yet are flexible enough to place them within a modern context, guarantee a high-quality education. Consequently, teachers and pupils hold each other in high regard. Parents, who are encouraged to have a close involvement in their children’s progress, comment favourably on this atmosphere of mutual respect.

Personal development is further enhanced through participation in the extensive range of co-curricular activities where fostering of team spirit and development of individual talent are of paramount importance.

We constantly review our educational provision to ensure that it meets the needs of our pupils who will have to take their place in a fast-changing world. At the same time we aim to provide our pupils with an excellent all-round education.

The holistic approach we take with each pupil encourages not only the spirit of inquiry in academic subjects but also the confidence to tackle new hobbies and interests – some of which will last throughout life. In addition to this, the friendships fostered at Morrison’s provide a network far beyond the boundaries of school.

Most importantly, we recommend a visit to the school to see for yourself why Morrison’s Academy is the first choice independent day school in Perthshire.

"Morrison’s makes great young people." 

"We wish our children had started sooner.”

"The school excels in developing well educated, rounded and confident individuals.”

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Our Nursery delivers quality learning and teaching which is challenging, fun and engaging. We create opportunities to investigate, explore and imagine through spontaneous and planned play.

"When I leave nursery I will have to close my eyes very hard so that I do not cry."
Nursery Pupil

Working in partnership with our families and the local community, we believe that every day at Nursery should be a stimulating experience for your child.

The Nursery curriculum promotes children’s development and learning in literacy, numeracy, health and well-being as well as expressive arts, science, social studies, religious and moral education and technology. We believe that children at Morrison’s Academy Nursery will have the best possible start in their social and educational journey in a safe, exciting and motivating environment.

- Purpose-built Nursery
- Emphasis on outdoor learning in inspiring garden surroundings
- Input from specialist teachers in music, modern foreign languages and sport
- Access to all school facilities
- Experienced and dedicated staff
- Planned preparation for moving into Primary 1
- Up to 50-week care between 8.00am and 6.00pm
- Partner Provider for Nursery in Perth & Kinross
Morrison’s Academy Primary School provides a secure and happy environment where children feel confident, are valued as individuals and are encouraged to develop their talents through a balanced curriculum.

As the pupils embark on their Primary education, our P1-P3 classes equip them with the essential building blocks of literacy, numeracy and thinking skills on which their future success depends. Highly qualified and experienced teachers, bright classrooms, well-chosen resources, newly updated technology and a wide variety of teaching methods ensure that children become engaged in the learning process. Individual classes are small and pupils are highly motivated in a well-disciplined, supportive environment.

As the children move on into the upper stages of the Primary School (P4-P6) the core subjects continue to be developed. However, expectations and challenges become higher and the pupils are introduced to a broadening curriculum.

The pupils are engaged in many different ways within the classroom and are learning new skills and approaches to their work. There is an excellent balance between practical, oral and written work and the children are increasingly encouraged to think for themselves as well as to work cooperatively with others in group situations.

The Transitional year (P7) is designed to prepare the pupils for their entry into the Secondary School. Transitional pupils are taught by Secondary School specialists in some curricular areas but remain with their Primary teacher for core subjects.

Pupils have many opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. The wide range of cocurricular activities includes music and drama with regular drama productions and concert performances. Pupils take part in team sports and there are regular fixtures against other schools.

- Targeted, effective learning and teaching
- Emphasis on core curricular skills
- Regular teaching by subject specialists at all stages
- Engaging and stimulating teaching
- High standards of behaviour and courtesy
- Comprehensive IT provision
- Frequent day and residential trips
- Pre and after school care
- Holiday Club
- Outdoor learning

“I have just come to Morrison’s this year and have really enjoyed it so far. It is everything I thought it would be.”

P5 Pupil

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SECONDARY

The academic success of our pupils is based on a wide, modern curriculum which encourages pupils to achieve their academic potential in their chosen subjects, develops confident, capable learners and paves the way for university entry.

In S1 and S2, pupils follow a broad academic course. All staff are concerned with the care and welfare of the pupils, ensuring that each pupil establishes good learning habits and makes the most of everything the school has to offer. This is complemented by Heads of Year, who provide guidance and support for each child and facilitate the all-important home-school link. In S3 and S4, pupils select 8 subjects to study for two years, leading to their first public exams at National 5 level. Heads of Year consult closely with parents and offer pupils advice on the best subject choices for them; every effort is made to accommodate these choices. A similar process takes place in S5 and S6, as pupils select the Higher and Advanced Higher subjects that they will study by way of preparation for university.

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Excellent academic results
Small class sizes
Approachable, responsive and committed teachers
Firm yet fair approach to discipline
Pupils dressed smartly in school uniform
Extensive opportunities for educational excursions. In recent years trips have gone to research the First World War battlefields, to explore the geography of California and to visit penfriends in France and Germany on exchange trips.
Frequent report cards, parent-teacher and information evenings inform parents about their child’s progress
Heads of Year know pupils well. They support, encourage and promote positive discipline.
Pupils know and respect all members of the school community
A Civics programme, tailored to each year group, complements curricular learning
School library open until 5.00pm
SIXTH YEAR

Recognising the importance of preparing pupils for higher education and the wider world, the S6 year at Morrison’s Academy is designed to provide a transition between school and university. The year focuses on developing responsibility, whilst retaining academic study as its central aim.

“Sixth Year is an essential stepping stone to independent learning, a skill which is key to study at university level.”

2nd year university student

When they leave us at the end of S6 our Morrisonians will be confident, capable, engaged and employable young men and women. Morrison’s Academy’s inclusive and caring environment produces young adults who have their feet firmly rooted in the real world, but who have the academic qualifications, ambition and soft skills essential to succeed in life. They are mature individuals who balance confidence and humility. They have learnt how to work together, to motivate others and to study independently.

S6 pupils create their own programme or ‘commitment’ for the year. This focuses on a challenging academic programme complemented by S6 interest courses and some voluntary service in or out of school. Pupils have timetabled study periods to encourage them to learn how to plan their time and study independently. All pupils are encouraged to take part in a full range of co-curricular activities, taking leadership roles in these or other areas, such as becoming mentors, prefects of house officials and supporting younger pupils.

- Challenging academic programme
- Wide range of subjects offered at Advanced Higher level
- 95% of leavers go on to university
- Small tutor groups with tutors who support pupils throughout the year, especially with university application
- Continuity of pastoral support provided by their Head of Year, who also ensures home-school communication is maintained
- A residential orientation event at the beginning of the year
- A celebration fortnight of activities at the end of their secondary schooling, which gives pupils the chance to give back to the school and the wider community, have fun and enjoy each other’s company before heading their separate ways

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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Morrison’s Academy is a busy place both in and beyond the classroom. The multitude of co-curricular activities and educational trips on offer is a key part of school life and plays a vital role in broadening our pupils’ experiences.

“I’ve had a go at pretty much everything during my time here. The great thing about Morrison’s is that everyone can get involved if they want to”
S6 pupil

If the measure of a school is gauged by the opportunities it offers its pupils, then Morrison’s Academy is, by anyone’s standards, successful. We share parents’ ambitions to bring out the best in their children. Consequently, we pride ourselves in developing the whole child, not only pursuing academic excellence but also instilling in our pupils a desire to participate in as wide a range of co-curricular activities as possible.

The school offers a broad spectrum of clubs and societies and, with a tradition of excellence in the Performing Arts, coupled with extensive, healthy, sporting opportunities (from rugby to cross-country, hockey to kayaking) we are confident that every pupil has the chance to participate in and develop his or her skills.

Learning opportunities extend to activities organised within the UK and overseas. These include subject-specific trips, exchanges, sports tours and adventure training.

- Many opportunities to develop lifelong hobbies and interests
- Team-building through music, sport, drama, Duke of Edinburgh award, CCF, Pipe Band and the multitude of clubs
- Opportunity for all to be involved
- Lasting friendships fostered
- Strong links with the local community
- Tradition of charity work at home and overseas

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Travel arrangements have been made for pupils living in Perthshire and Stirlingshire to make it easier for them to travel between home and school. Contract bus services are complemented by school minibuses which provide transport for communities within one hour’s drive of Morrison’s Academy.

Perthshire is one of the most desirable areas in Scotland in which to live. Its population is increasing as families relocate from all over the UK to benefit from its superb quality of life.

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