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Dear Parent / Carer,

I have been so impressed with the way in which the pupils in fifth year have approached their exams this year. They have worked exceptionally hard and I hope that overall, the young people have found it to be a positive experience. The final SQA exam takes place on Wednesday 31st May and we will continue to keep our young people in our prayers and wish them the best of luck to those who are sitting their final exams.

S6 Induction Morning

I am delighted to inform you that we will have an S6 Induction morning on **Friday 2nd June**, before the start of the new timetable on Monday 5th June. All pupils who are returning for a sixth year should attend this induction. This is a wonderful opportunity for the year group to come together and to prepare for the many exciting opportunities that sixth year promises. It also allows me to share important information about sixth year including the standards and expectations for the year ahead, S6 service, Caritas and applying for the Head Team. We are also going to have a team building session and I would therefore ask that pupils bring their PE kit with them. I would ask that all pupils arrive promptly for the start of period 1, wearing their full school uniform.

S6 Uniform

Senior students are always excellent role models for younger pupils. This starts with high standards of school uniform, for which this year group have excelled. I would therefore appreciate your support in encouraging your child to come to school respecting the high standards of uniform that we promote. Pupils should wear their blazers, shirt and ties, grey school trousers or a grey school skirt of appropriate length and smart black dress shoes. Trainers and hoodies are not permitted. Sixth year ties are available to purchase via [ParentPay](#) at a cost of £9 or at a reduced price of £5 for the pupils who swap the sixth year tie for their old St. Ninian's tie. If pupils have purchased their tie by 4pm on Thursday 1st June they will be able to collect it during the induction morning. We will not be accepting cash on the induction morning, however, there will be further opportunities for pupils to purchase a sixth year tie during June.

If you require Blazer Braiding or Pocket embroidery with letters or dates please book an appointment between 26th June and 10th July, otherwise your schools suggested appointment window is from

Monday 10th July- Friday 14th July.

Click on the following link for further information provided by Stevensons: [S6 Uniform](#)

New Timetable

We very much look forward to welcoming our young people back to St Ninian's to embark on a new school year. Sixth year will be a very important year for our students as they continue to build upon their academic achievements and prepare for their pathways beyond St Ninian's High School. Every pupil will have their own individual pathway that is right for them, whether it be to leave after Christmas or at the end of S6 to then embark on employment, an apprenticeship, college or university. The new timetable will begin on **Monday 5th June**. It is at this time that our young people will officially be sixth year; a very important year in your child's education. The commencement of the new timetable is an opportunity for the young people to get an excellent start in their new sixth year courses. It is important that pupils make the most of the three weeks in June and return to school with a strong work ethic, ready to embark on their new courses. Subject timelines begin on this date and a lot of content will be covered during this time. Teachers will not have time to repeat this work in August and therefore pupils should be vigilant in attending all periods until the end of term. It is crucial that we have **excellent attendance in June** to ensure the best outcomes for our young people.

Timetables will be distributed during the S6 Induction morning. They will also be available via [Parentsportal](#).

Sixth year curriculum

All sixth year pupils should be undertaking a timetable of **four subjects** (or equivalent if following a vocational course) **as well as RE, PSHE and PE**. If any young person does not have four subjects on their timetable, or if they wish to change subjects, they should contact their pastoral teacher when they are in school for the induction. It is important that we finalise timetables at the earliest opportunity. The SQA results will be released by SQA on Tuesday 8th August. Pupils will then have the opportunity to attend school on our Renegotiation Day (date to be confirmed) if they wish to change their subjects following the results.

Spaces on vocational courses have yet to be finalised, however, our young people will find out if they have place in due course and should continue to follow a timetable of four subjects until the vocational courses begin in August.

On behalf of Mr. O'Neil and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support. We look forward to the year ahead with our new sixth year students. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have questions or concerns.

Kind regards,



C Boyle
Depute Head Teacher