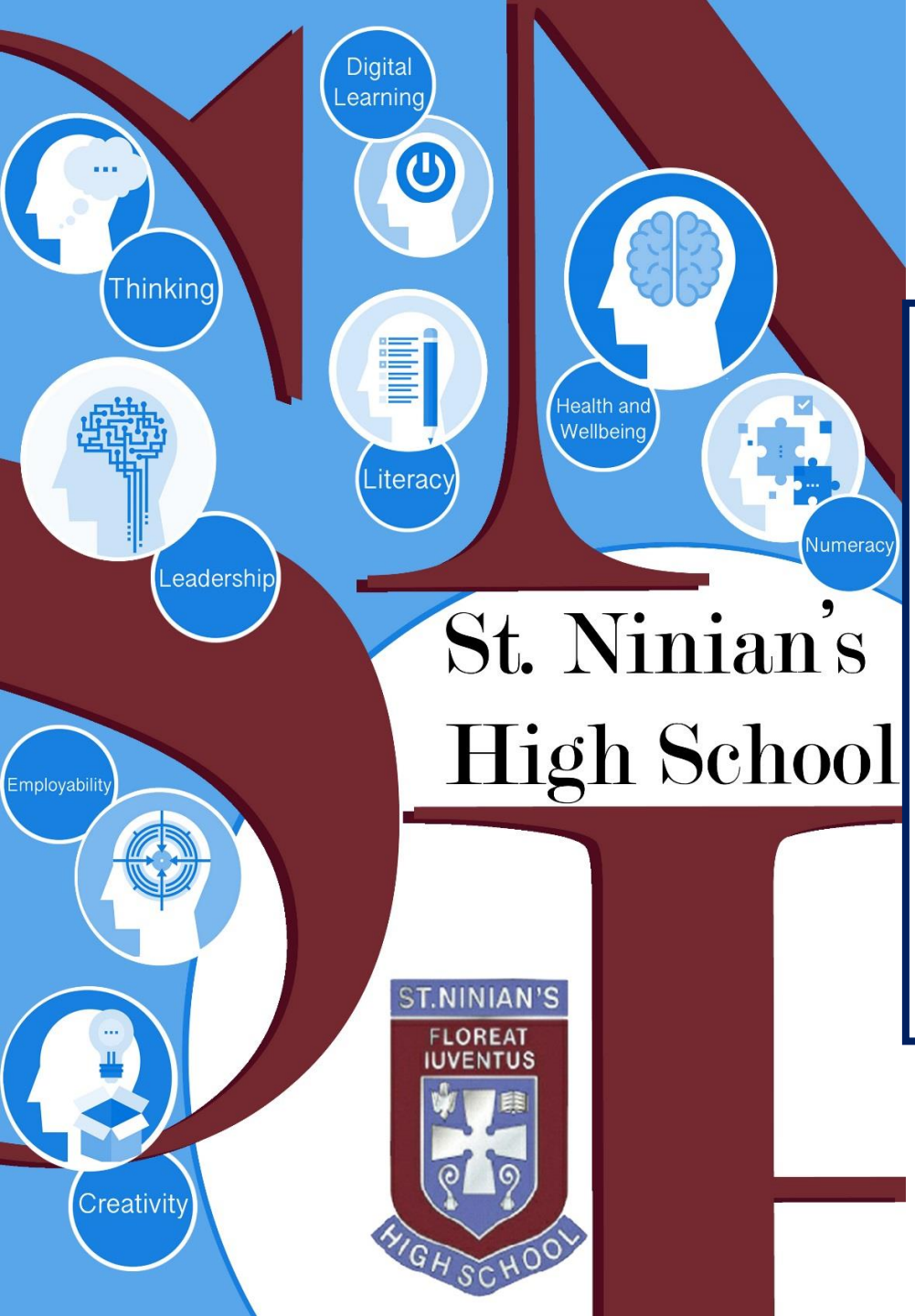
St Ninian's High School S1 Class of 2025/26



S1 Options Evening
Thursday 5th March

School Prayer

Jesus, as a child you grew in learning and wisdom.
Bless Saint Ninian's High School, a community of faith and love where young people learn, work and grow together.
Help us to make our school a place where teachers are valued for their dedication; where pupils are encouraged to develop their talents and where all staff, young people and parents – work together in trust and friendship.
Live among us now and forever.

Amen

Format of the evening

- Mr O'Neil, Head Teacher
- Mrs McCrea, Depute Head Teacher, S1
- Orla Gilligan– S2 Pupil Experience of Choice
- Opportunity to visit the Departments and School Library
- Pastoral / Support for Learning/ Health & Well Being Staff available in the Street Area and Hub
- SDS Careers Advisors available in the Forum
- Evening will finish at 8pm

First Year

- Excellent group of young people
- Hard working, committed and determined
- Values of our school
- Homework
- Uniform and Conduct
- Attendance and timekeeping

Mobile Phones

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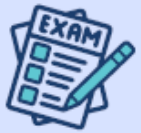
Mobile Phone Guidance

Our aim is to educate our young people to use mobile phones responsibly, safely and respectfully.

- Try to keep phones away during social times- chat and enjoy social time with friends.
- Mobile phones may ONLY be used in lessons if directed by the teacher.

- No phones during class time, unless the teacher gives permission.
- No phones when walking to and from class/ toilet.
- No photos or videos of anyone without their permission.
- No phones or smart watches during tests.



Repeated misuse of mobile phones will result in parents being contacted.

Social Media

- Concerns around social media:
  - Addictive
  - Sending negative/ abusive/ taunting/ bullying messages
  - Posting photos or videos without permission
  - Talking about others/ exclusion from groups
  - Living your ‘insta’ life!

Instagram vs reality

S1 Curriculum Overview

Core Subjects (18 periods)

- Mathematics 4
- English 5
- French 3
- PE 3
- RE 2
- PSHE 1

Rotations (3 periods each)

- Social subjects (history, geography, modern studies)
- Science (physics, chemistry, biology)
- Art & Design/ Computing
- Design & Technology/ Business
- Music & Drama/ Health, Food & Textiles

33 periods in total

S2 Curriculum Overview

Core Subjects (18 out of 33 periods)

- Mathematics 5
- English 4
- French 3
- PE 3
- RE 2
- PSHE 1

5 Option Subjects (15 out of 33 periods)

- Social
- Science
- Technology
- Creative
- Option

33 periods in total

Draft Option Form

SOCIAL	SCIENCE	TECHNOLOGY	CREATIVE	OPTION
History Geography Modern Studies Mandarin	Biology Chemistry Physics	Accounting Administration Graphic Communication Computing Physics Biology	Art & Design Biology Creative Industries Practical Craft Skills Drama Fashion & Textile Technology Music Mandarin	Art & Design Business Management Chemistry Geography Health & Food Technology History Music Practical Cookery Spanish

Pupils are required to select their S2 choices from the above columns and record them below in the columns provided. Please select one subject from each column.

SOCIAL	SCIENCE	TECHNOLOGY	CREATIVE	OPTION

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Pupils will continue to study English, Maths, French, RE, PE and PSHE

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Possible Progression Pathways

	S2	S3/4	S5	S6
Pupil A	8 subjects CfE 4th level	8/9 subjects National 4/5	5 subjects Nat 5/ Higher/ Vocational	4 subjects AH, Higher/ Vocational
Pupil B	8 subjects CfE 4th level	8/9 subjects National 5	5 subjects Higher	4 subjects AH, Higher Vocational
Pupil C	8 subjects CfE 2nd/ 3rd level	8/9 subjects National 2/ 3/4	5 subjects National 4/ 5/ Vocational	4 subjects N5/ Higher/ Vocational

Lessons in PSHE, PE and RE continue as core subjects at every stage of the curriculum

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Learner Pathways

The following flowcharts will provide you with an insight into the potential pathway that can be followed for each of the different subjects. Teachers will be able to provide further information regarding each of the courses.

In S6, pupils will also have the opportunity to study additional subjects outwith the learner pathways selected in S2.

The SCQF Guide for Parents and Carers provides information to explain the different levels of qualifications in Scottish education.

Benefits of Choice: S2 Experience

- Personalisation of choice
- Increased motivation & confidence
- Quality of learning –challenge & depth
- Developing skills for learning
- Improved results at National & Higher level
- Improved Quality of grade
- Increased stay on rate and better progression
- Happy and successful learners!

Timeline for S1 Choice: School Support

Feb/ March
- Careers convention
- 1:1 interview with Careers Advisor

5th March
- S1 Choice Information Evening

WB 9th March
- Options booklet made available online

WB 16th March
- Lessons in PSHE
- Assembly input
- Options Homework exercise
- Pupil research MYWOW

WB 20th April
- 1:1 interview with Pastoral teacher
- Provisional options sent home

Time for subject choices

Friday 1st May
- S1 full reports issued

Wednesday 6th May
- Options deadline

S1 Choice: How can you support your child?

- Read the Options booklet and discuss with your son or daughter
- Encourage your child to carry out personal research
- Take the time to support the completion of the homework exercise
- Encourage your son/daughter to carefully listen to information from subject teachers
- Use the information gathered from all 3 teacher reports
- Listen to your child
  - Enjoyment of a subject is one of the key factors
- Contact Pastoral staff for advice if you have any concerns

S1 Choice: Pupil Responsibility

- **Carry out personal research**
  - https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/secondary
  - Options Choice booklet
  - Explore Careers

- **Six questions to ask when you are choosing your subjects**
  1. How do you like to learn?
  2. What subjects do you enjoy?
  3. What subjects are you good at?
  4. What do others think you are good at?
  5. Where could your chosen subjects take you?
  6. Am I picking subjects that are right for me?

Don't choose subjects because friends do!

S1 Choice: Pupil Responsibility for continued success

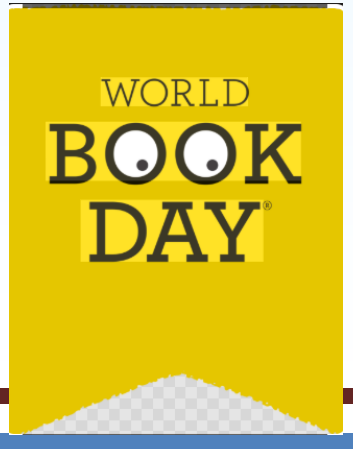
- Work hard on your Studies
  - Punctuality and high attendance is crucial
  - Homework and develop study skills
  - High expectations
  - Behaviour
  - Effort
- Extra curricular activities, participation in whole school events etc.
- Healthy Balance

Orla Gilligan

S2 Pupil Experience

Support Available this Evening

- Staff and older S2/3 pupils are present in each department to answer your questions/offer advice (with the exception of English, Maths and RE)
- Mrs Baird, our school librarian, is available in the library
  - Regular reading is essential in raising attainment in all subjects
  - Mrs Baird can provide bespoke reading lists for pupils based on individual interests and reading levels.
  - As part of World Book Day, Mrs. Baird has organised a competition for pupils to win a book bundle.
- Pastoral Support , Support for Learning and Wellbeing available in the Street Area
- SDS Career advisors are available in the Forum



Subject Locations

History	His 3
Modern Studies	MS3
Accounting	ICT 7
Administration	ICT 6
Business Management	ICT 8
Computing	ICT 3
French	ML 3
Mandarin	ML 1
Spanish	ML 3
Geography	Geo 2
Biology	Sci 15/19
Chemistry	Sci 6
Physics	Sci 3

Fashion & Textile Technology	Fabric Room
Health and Food Technology	Kitchen 2
Practical Cookery	Kitchen 2
Graphic Communication	Tech 3
Practical Craft skills	Tech 4
Art & Design	The Gallery
Creative Industries	The Gallery
Music	Mus 1
Drama	Drama 2 (PE corridor)
PE	Forum
Mrs Baird	School Library
Pastoral	Forum/Hub
SDS Career Advisors	Street Area