

The Parent Council of St Ninian's High School

October 2025

WELCOME

The parent council is up and running again for another school year. The parent council exists to represent the wider school parent and carer group and this newsletter lets you know a bit about what we are doing as well as how to get in contact with us.

We hope everyone enjoyed a break over the October week. It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of another calendar year.

The Parent Council held its' AGM in September which was very well attended and new office bearers were appointed. They are noted in the side column. We extend our thanks to our outgoing officer bearers - joint chairs, Jacqueline Stewart and Stuart Reid, and Vice Chair Aundrie Wilmott.

At our September meeting, we were delighted to hear about the excellent outcomes for 2025, both academic and vocational. Huge congratulations to all pupils and school staff. We wish all our young people the very best in their future pathways.

School Calendar 2025/26

Please check the new School Calendar 2025/26 for important dates throughout the school year:

[StNiniansHSCalendar25-26Parentcarer.pdf](#)

School Mass

Everyone is welcome to join Mass, which is celebrated in our School Oratory every:

- ✓ Tuesday and
- ✓ Friday,

each week during school term, starting at 8.25am (until 8.45am).

Co-Curricular Booklet

Please see a link to the huge number of co-curricular activities available through our school before, during and after the school day:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/StNinians/co-curricular-booklet/>

Mobile Phone guidance in school

The school recently updated its' guidance on use of mobile phones and this can be found on the school website. East Renfrewshire Council also undertook a questionnaire on this topic.

Dates for your Diary:

Please note the following dates for Parent Council meetings 2025/26.

- 6 October 25
- 10 November 25
- 8 December 25
- 26 January 26
- 9 March 26
- 11 May 26
- 15 June 26

all on Mondays at 7pm in St Ninian's High School

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What should the PC be doing?

What do you think the PC should be discussing this year? Please tell us.

Send your thoughts to our Gmail (pcstniniansgiffnock@gmail.com), or post to our Instagram or Facebook accounts.

Here are some examples of topics we have recently discussed, and items identified for future meetings:

- **Social Justice Framework and Strategy in Education in East Renfrewshire**
East Renfrewshire Council are in the process of reviewing the current framework and strategy. We will discuss those at our meetings and feed in any comments emphasising that social justice is at the core of our school and of Catholic education. The current framework can be accessed [here](#).
- **Eastwood Park Leisure Development**
You may well be aware that preliminary works have started for the new leisure centre and theatre in Eastwood Park. This is being built adjacent to the current facility. Mediation works have started, and construction is due to begin over the coming weeks. The school and parents will be kept updated on progress but inevitably there will be some disruption during construction.
- **Children (withdrawal from religious education and amendment of UNCRC compatibility duty) Scotland Bill**
This Bill proposes changes to the process for withdrawing pupils from religious instruction or religious observance at school. A consultation exercise was undertaken albeit this took place over the school holiday period. The Bill is currently at stage I in the Scottish Parliament which is due to be completed by 28 November 2025. The parent council will be keeping a keen eye on this Government backed Bill and seek parental comments as required.
- **Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis**
Parents will be aware of the recent Canonisation of Carlo Acutis. The Paisley Diocese was the first in the world to host his relic after he was declared a Saint by Pope Leo. Events were held across the Diocese and the school, which hosts a relic, have used school prayers, assemblies and RE classes to highlight the canonisation and to continue to highlight to pupils the relevance of Blessed Carlo to our young people.

Please click on the link below to access the Diocese of Paisley's Centred on Christ Document. [Centred on Christ October 2025](#)

- **Destinations**
No, not holiday destinations.... young people's destinations once they leave school. The school tracks this and we are due to hear more about this and the outcomes for young people at a future meeting whether that be further study or training, work, college or University.

Contact: Please follow your parent council here: Facebook: St Ninians PC – Giffnock or sign up on Instagram [st_ninians_pc](#) and remember you can email us at pcstniniansgiffnock@gmail.com