

Good afternoon.

As we move onto August, we look forward to the vast opportunities 6<sup>th</sup> year brings. Without a doubt, 5<sup>th</sup> year was a tremendous amount of hard work and frankly I found it to be intense. But I believe 6<sup>th</sup> year can be the change for the better.

I recognise that everyone has all sorts of diverse and wonderful interests and not only do I welcome these differences; I actively encourage them. Personally, I'm extremely passionate about music and languages. But no matter if your talents are suited to sport or that you particularly excel at the sciences or even that you're a magnificent chess player- they are all united in the fact that each requires commitment and passion. We are fortunate that each department is a flagship for the school and it is from my years in St. Ninian's that I have learned how to pursue all my endeavours with enthusiasm. Just as a member of the football team would pour all their effort into a match so too I, as Head Girl, would pour my effort into our year group, and into urging all of us to better ourselves and our talents.

I'm going to be honest with you, I love coming to school. The simple fact is that everyday I enjoy seeing our year group chatting to each other and I enjoy seeing our teachers eager to share their subject with us. One of the parts of the school day I like especially is passing my peers in the corridor and exchanging smiles, even if we don't consider each other particularly close. As your Head Girl I would take our already friendly environment and further it by pushing us to integrate more. Imagine the phenomenal result that would occur if we combined everyone's strengths together and learnt from one another.

A significant element to the success of the head team is being able to provide representation both inside and outside the school. Outside of school, I was a part of Mission Discovery's week-long space course. This course involved me collaborating, on behalf of St. Ninian's, with pupils from an abundance of other schools across Scotland, pupils were split into teams of 8 and my team elected me to oversee our project. During the week, we worked to come up with an experiment that could be carried out on the International Space Station and on the last day each team had to pitch their experiment to a panel of respectable businessmen, head teachers and an astronaut. My team's pitch proved successful and our experiment went up to space last year.

We all know that St. Ninian's faith life is the cornerstone of our school community and I am more than happy that I have been playing an active role in it and will continue to do so. Reading at School Masses has helped me to develop my communication skills. Playing in the musical liturgy has allowed me to help others to participate in the sacred liturgy. These, along with attending faith events, demonstrate my support for our school and all our year group. Through my faith, I have developed my empathy and I hope that if any of you were to have a worry that you would feel safe in approaching me and letting me help you.

At the end of the day it is up to you. I would be delighted to be your representative and I hope that you will support me with your vote.

Thank you.