

S6 Pupil Forum 1



Tuesday 9 October 2018



Welcome and Prayer

Present:

- C. McCrea (Year Head for S6)
- T. Low (Pastoral Support Teacher)
- 6a1 - Shona McGibbon
- 6a2 - Olaf Baron and Safa Mohammed
- 6a3 - Raafi Mahmood and Naomi Lawson
- 6a4 - Matthew MacDonald and Emma Martin
- 6a5 - Sean Nolan and Holly Miller
- 6a6 - Aoife McLaughlin and Matthew Jack
- 6a7 - Mark McLaughlin and Erin Leahy
- 6a8 - Harry MacConnell and Helen Duggan
- 6a9 - Subhan Baig and Zofia Koryga
- 6a10 - Ammarah Dean

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



Our Relationships

- **CMcC – Do pupils agree that the relationships between pupils and their teachers are strong?**
- *Most teachers go out their way to help pupils*
- *Some pupils don't like it when other pupils go and ask for help from teachers*
- *My teachers have always been happy to help*
- **CMcC – There are a number of tutorials that are put on for pupils through out the year along with 3 double periods across the week to ensure pupils are give as much opportunity for success in their subjects as possible**
- *Teachers have been very helpful in terms of making sure that our workload is manageable.*
- *It would be good to manage workload by only doing 3 subjects*
- **CMcM – The reason that pupils are asked to sit 4 subjects is to ensure that S6 is a purposeful year for all. There are some options for pupils to double up on their subject or perhaps arrange for the periods that they would be in a subject to instead offer their services to support younger pupils and staff in another department.**
- *Good to know the reasons behind the 4 subjects*
- *Helpful to know that there is some flexibility in timetable if workload of subjects gets too much*



Our Learning and Teaching

- **CMcC – What do you think of your teaching and learning experience across the school?**
- *Standard of teaching across the school is very high*
- *It is accepted that we need to adapt to different teaching styles*
- *Teachers prepare well for us and will give additional support after class / at lunch time*
- *We are expected to complete assignments on our own but we are well supported to do this*
- *I feel that pupils are well prepared for independent study*
- *Sometimes I need to stay behind after school to do experiments. This helps to prepare me for independent study and for what it might be like at university*
- *I think the Advanced Higher courses prepare us better for university than Highers*
- *The S6 tables has been really good this year because I am getting to know more people that I have never spoken to before*

Our School Community

- **CMcM – What do you think of your school environment?**
- *School environment is really nice*
- *The school is always really clean and tidy*
- *Its all been painted again and it looks good.*
- *The smaller size of the classes in S5 and S6 really helps to do well in my subjects*
- **CMcM – Prefects have been helping at break and lunchtime to supervise which helps towards the positive ethos of the school**
- *Some subjects could maybe use the chrome books and laptops more often*
- *Its been good to meet with the careers advisers*
- *I feel that it has helped me understand what to apply for at university*
- *I think the career service could sometimes give more information*



Our Health and Wellbeing

- **CMcM – Is Health and Wellbeing and Mental Health well promoted?**
- *HWB and Mental Health has been really well highlighted recently*
- *Pastoral teachers could maybe speak more individually with pupils to see if they have any issues*
- *Some pupils say they feel a lot better once they have actually said that they have an issue. Once they do that then everything becomes much easier*
- **TL – There are lot's of clubs and opportunities that S6 pupil's can get involved with. There is a fitness class after school on Monday. A host of clubs run by all subjects that pupils can be involved with. The extra-curricular club booklet is on the school website and all pupils including S6 are welcome to all clubs**
- *I didn't really know about the booklet. I'll have a look at it and see if there is anything I want to go to*

Our Successes and Achievements

- **CMcM – There have been many success so far in S6 such as the Rome and Cern trip. Also the involvement of pupils in the HWB committee, S6 Service, buddying and tutoring**
- *There have been lot's of opportunities for pupils to achieve*
- *I have really enjoyed helping out in the departments and working with the teachers*
- *It's good to be working with people who I don't really know that well*
- *I feel like I'm learning and using the skills I will need when I leave school*
- *My communication is much better now*
- *Helping to supervise has been good too*
- *I have really liked helping S1 pupils in the paired reading groups*
- *Its good to feel like you are helping people*
- *Information nights have been good to help out with too*



Any Other Current Business

- *S6 has been hard work so far but I am really enjoying the experience so far*
- *Some pupils could be given more opportunities to volunteer e.g. reading at mass*
- **CMcM – It has been great to see so many people helping at school events.**
- *Some pupils may have a Mental Health issue but might not know it*
- **TL - In PSHE, Mental Health awareness is discussed at length and about the signs and symptoms of mental health issues. This will help pupils to hopefully identify the beginnings of a mental health issue so that they can seek the appropriate support.**
- *Mrs McCrea thanked pupils for time and contributions*
- *Next meeting scheduled for Friday 16 November 2018.*