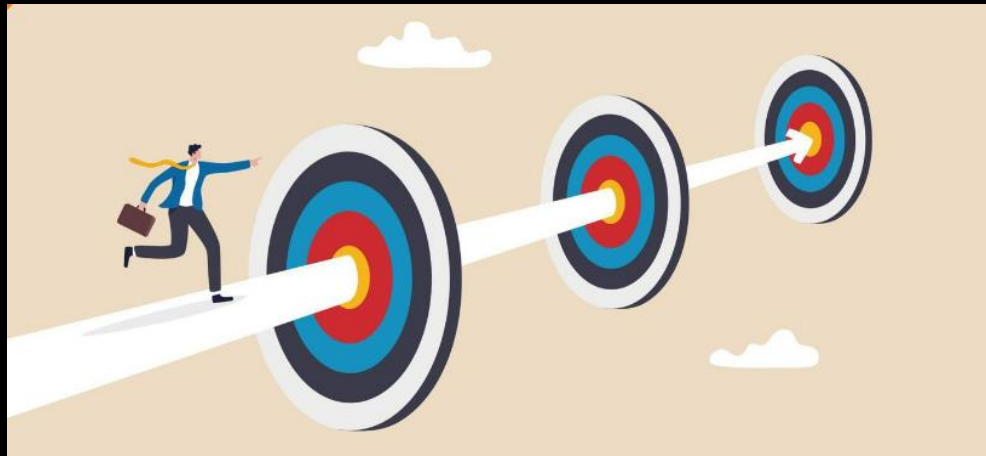


Mrs McNally, Head Teacher


Miss Whyte S6 Year Head (Acting)

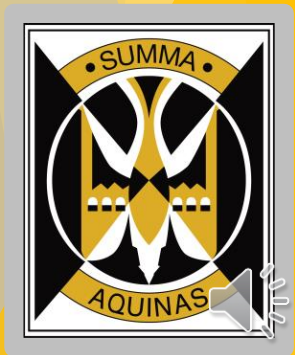


Senior Phase Information Evening
Ready for the challenge
Thursday 7th September



Welcome

1. Attainment
 2. Standards and Expectations
 3. The S6 Experience
 4. Positive Destinations
 5. Key Dates
- ▶ Louise Whyte
 - ▶ Acting DHT and S6 Year Head
 - ▶ Twitter: @MissWhyteSTA 

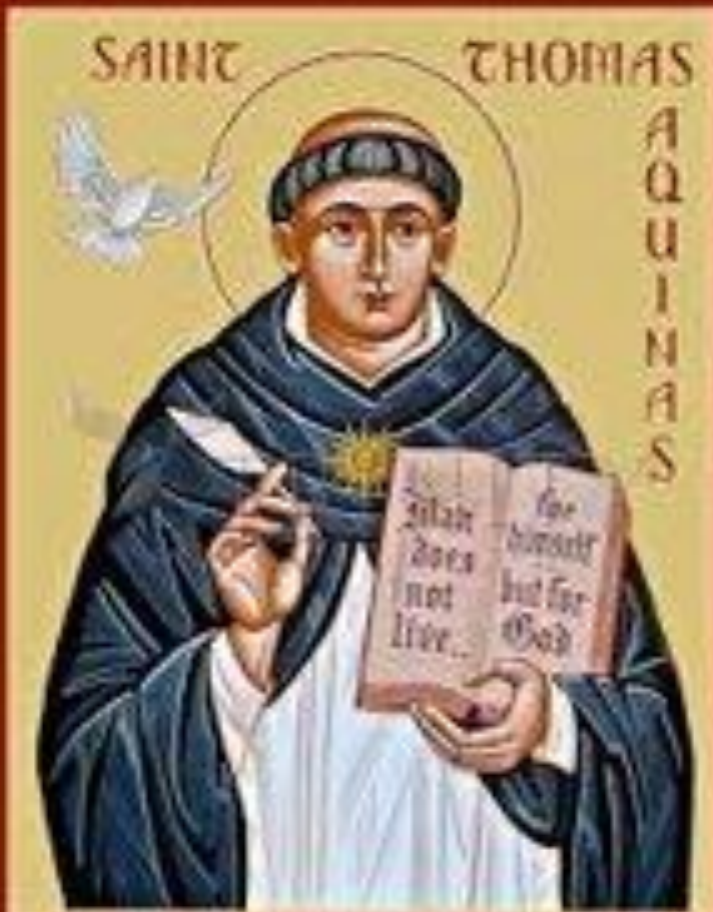


STA School Prayer

As we come together as the family of St Thomas Aquinas Secondary, we pray and give thanks for our community.

Lord, we ask that you encourage us to reach our goals. May you bless the work of staff and pupils and foster in us the will to live in the way the gospels have taught us each and every day.

St Thomas Aquinas- Pray for us



1. S6 Year Group Attainment in S5

1+ Award @ SCQF Level 6	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
	62%	56%	65%	69.9%	68%	69%
3+ Awards @ SCQF Level 6	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
	39%	27%	38%	41.5%	43%	37%
5+ Awards @ SCQF Level 6	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
	19%	12%	17.5%	17.1%	23%	20%



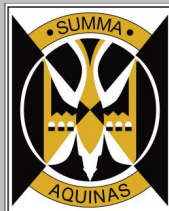
Overall School Attainment

- ▶ High expectations and standards
- ▶ Positive relationships
- ▶ High quality of learning & teaching
- ▶ Rigorous monitoring and tracking of progress
- ▶ High level of student support



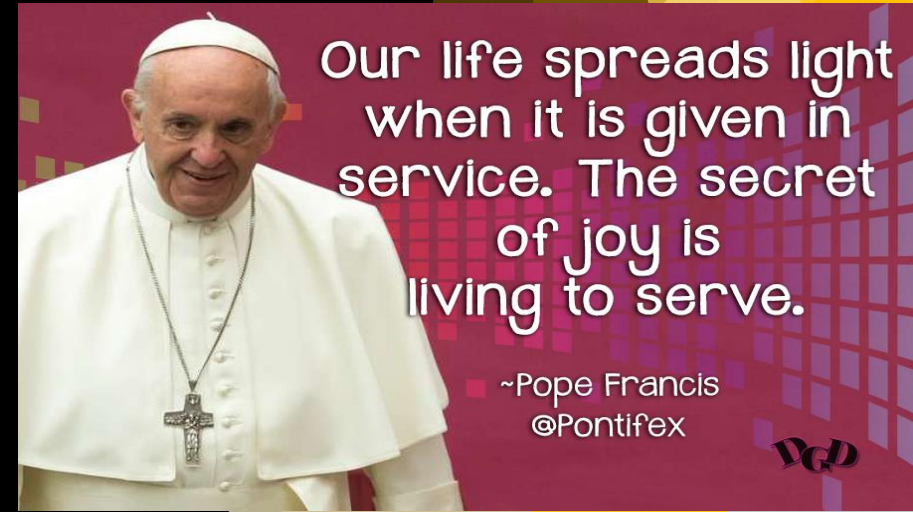
2. Standards and Expectations

- ✓ Excellent timekeeping and attendance
- ✓ Full school uniform *at all times*
- ✓ Working to full potential
- ✓ Meeting deadlines for homework & course work
- ✓ Excellent behaviour & effort
- ✓ Partner establishments



3. The S6 Experience

- Continuing focus on academic attainment
- Personal development and leadership
- Service to our school community
- Securing a positive destination



The S6 Experience

- Continue our strong partnership with you
- Your young person will find this session challenging
- Your support will make the difference
- Resilience and life skills
- Preparation for life as a young adult –
doing things for themselves



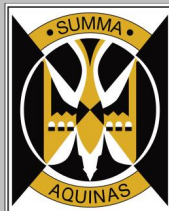
The S6 Experience

- Regular learning conversations with class teachers
- Wellbeing support – Pastoral Care, school counsellor, partners
- Careers Support – SDS, DYW, Work Experience
- Raising Attainment support:
 - Target setting – class teachers/ PT/ FH
 - Study Skills Programme (PSE & workshops)
 - Interventions from PTs, PTs PC & Year Head following tracking reports
 - Supported Study



The S6 Experience

- ✓ Pupils must commit to all 5 courses
- ✓ College and UCAS offers (even if unconditional) are based on current curriculum
- ✓ References for UCAS can be and are updated if the pupil reference from December does not reflect pupil conduct / attainment later in the year



4. Positive Destinations

- Robust system of tracking skills and aspirations
- Careers Advice from Skills Development Scotland
- UCAS led by Mr McGraw, Principal Teacher
Pastoral Care
- Colleges, apprenticeships and employment support led by Megan Banks and SDS
- *Relevant* work experience led by Mr Young





STA Positive Destinations and Next Steps

22-23 So far...	Higher Education (University)	Further Education (College)	Training	Employed
STA	54.1%	22.4%	4.1%	12.4%





STA: Senior Phase Key Dates

2023 - 2024



Dates	Event	Progress Tracker	Year Group
TERM 1			
07.09.23	Senior Phase Information Evening		S4, S5, S6
14.09.23	Senior Phase Awards Ceremony		S5, S6
01.11.23	Tracking Report 1 issued	✓	S4, S5, S6
16.10.23	October Week College Application Support commences		S4, S5, S6
TERM 2			
06.11.23	Formal Universal Study Support Block 1 commences		S4, S5, S6
08.11.23	S5/6 Progress and Achievement Evening	✓	S5, S6
16.11.23	S4 Progress and Achievement Evening	✓	S4
04.12.23	Interim Assessments Commence		S4, S5, S6
20.12.23	Interim Assessments Conclude		S4, S5, S6
TERM 3			
08.01.24	Staff Moderation of Interim Assessments Commence	✓	S4, S5, S6
17.01.24	Staff Moderation of Interim Assessments Conclude	✓	S4, S5, S6
24.01.24	Interim Assessment Results Issued	✓	S4, S5, S6
25.01.24	Post-Interim Assessment Results Interventions begin		S4, S5, S6
07.02.24	S4 Progress and Achievement Evening 2		S4
21.02.24	S5/6 Progress and Achievement Evening 2		S5, S6
28.02.24	Formal Universal Study Support Block 2 commences		S4, S5, S6
20.03.24	Tracking Report 2 Issued		S4, S5, S6
TERM 4			
22.04.24	SQA Exam Diet Commences		S4, S5, S6
30.05.24	SQA Exam Diet Concludes		S4, S5, S6
13.06.24	S6 Prom		S6
14.06.24	Malawi Trip Departs (returns 29.06.24)		S5, S6

Further details / information will be issued in due course regarding:

- Universal Supported Study
- Study Space in the Library
- SCHOLAR, E-igoil, West OS
- Post Interim - Assessments Interventions
- College Applications
- UCAS applications
- Easter School
- Study Skills Metacognition, Study Skills, Self-Regulation
- S6 Leavers' Mass and Celebration (April 2024)
- New S5 and S6 Induction (June 2024)



STA: Senior Phase Key Dates



UCAS

The information below is **only** for those **S5** and **S6** pupils who are intending to apply **this year** through UCAS for a university place.

Week Beginning	Activity	Deadlines/Notes
30.08.23	UCAS Assembly. Join UCAS Team and register for UCAS Hub using pupil booklet.	Registration for the UCAS hub is to be completed by Friday 8th September and applicants should be researching course choices.
11.09.23	Students should complete all personal details sections of application.	Complete Personal Details, Choices, Additional Information, Education, Employment and Student Finance sections of UCAS Application by Friday 15th September .
12.09.23	GCU UCAS and Personal Statement workshop and UCAS Discovery event at SEC.	Attend workshop with iPad.
15.09.23	Course Choices and Personal Statement	Complete research and pick 5 choices by Friday 23 rd September. First draft of Personal Statement to Pastoral Care teachers by Friday 23rd September .
09.10.23	Personal Statements	Second draft of Personal Statement completed by Thursday 7th October . Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry applications and Oxbridge applications to be completed by
09.10.23	Early Deadlines	
18.10.23	Personal Statement	
23.10.23	Personal Statement completion	
06.11.23	Complete Application: Pay	
27.11.23	Pastoral Care to work references	
06.12.23	Mop-up and send to UCAS	



SENIOR PHASE SUBJECT INFORMATION

This document contains information regarding key dates, assessments, coursework and revision resources for subjects studied within the Senior Phase.

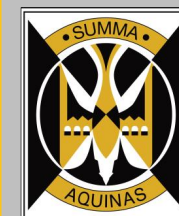


Senior Phase Information Event

September 2022



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5. Key Dates- Term 1



Month	Activity
August – October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="570 639 1696 719">• Senior Phase Information Evening<li data-bbox="570 739 1900 919">• Senior Awards Ceremony- Thursday 14th September<li data-bbox="570 939 1814 1019">• Class tests and ongoing assessments



Key Dates- Term 2

Month	Activity
October-December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracking reports issued• Intervention meetings• Progress & Achievement evening (in person)- 8th November• Positive Destinations Evening-TBC• Senior Phase Interim Assessments-commence 4th December

Key Dates- Term 3



Month	Activity
January - March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Phase Interim Assessment Results Letters- WB 23rd January• Parents Meeting (TEAMs) 22nd February• SQA Presentation levels finalised• AAA Meetings Start• Tracking Letter• Estimate Grades Issued• S5-S6 Personalisation and Choice Interviews



Key Dates- Term 4

Month	Activity
April-May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="698 505 1837 586">• SQA Exams-24th April – 30th May
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="698 808 1768 982">• S6 Prom Thursday 13th June at Radisson Blu

Presentations	Facilitator(s)	Time	Location
Study Skills – Advertising Study Skills sessions to follow on Teams	Mr Houston	7.20pm	Social Area
Routes to College and University Key Information and Advice for post-school transition	Colleagues from Skills Development Scotland	7:25pm	Social Area
UCAS Application Process	Mr Henry	7.35pm	Social Area
Optional Information Stalls Bright Red, FISO, Young Carers, Pastoral Care, EAL, Support for Learning, Work Experience	Various	7.40pm	Social Area





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