

# Saint Thomas Aquinas RC Secondary School



Senior Phase Information Evening  
Ready For the Challenge  
7th September 2023



# Senior Phase Information Evening

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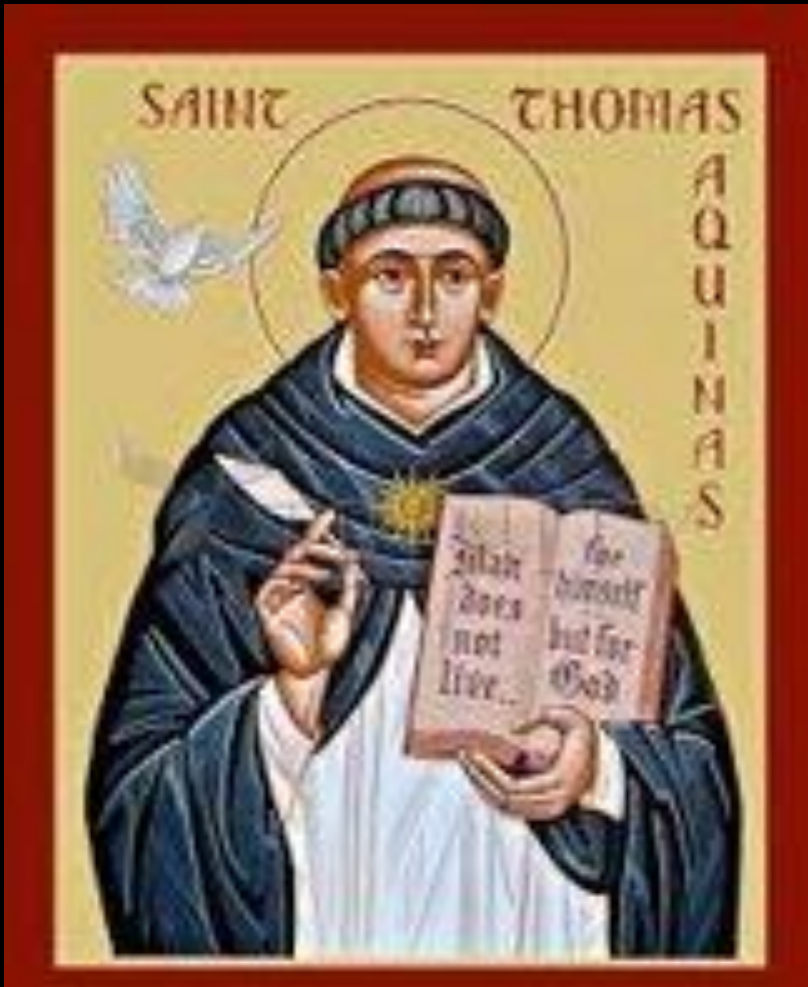
# STA School Prayer

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.

Amen

St Thomas Aquinas- Pray for us





# 1. 2022/3 STA Attainment

By the end of S4, no. of pupils achieving:



5+ Award @ SCQF Level 3 or better	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
	92%	90%	98%	95%	99%



5+ Awards @ SCQF Level 4 or better	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	22/23
	82%	79%	89%	82%	92%



5+ Awards @ SCQF Level 5 or better	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	22/23
	45%	44%	47%	50%	44.3% A-C



# 1. 2022/3 STA Attainment

By the end of S5, no. of pupils achieving:



1+ Award @ SCQF Level 6	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	22/23
	56%	65%	69.9%	68%	69%



3+ Awards @ SCQF Level 6	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	22/23
	27%	38%	41.5%	43%	37%



5+ Awards @ SCQF Level 6	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	22/23
	12%	17.5%	17.1%	23%	20%



# Factors which lead to STAs High Attainment

- ★ High Expectations and Standards
- ★ High Quality of Learning & Teaching
- ★ Rigorous Monitoring and Tracking of pupil Progress
- ★ Student Support Programme

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**HIGH EXPECTATIONS**  
are the **KEY** to  
**EVERYTHING**  
”



## 2. Senior Phase Standards and Expectations



### Ethos of high expectations

- Attendance & timekeeping
- Effort
- Attitude
- Behaviour
- Uniform
- Active participation



## 2. Senior Phase Standards and Expectations



### Student Support Programme

- Universal Supported Study Programme
- One to One Mentoring Programme
- Universal and Targeted Study Skills Workshops
- Targeted HWB groups (e.g Coping with Exam Stress Workshops)
- Study Space
- Easter School
- PSE teacher, Pastoral Care Support and Year Head

**HARD  
WORK** is  
*The formula for*  
**SUCCESS**



# Partnership Working at STA

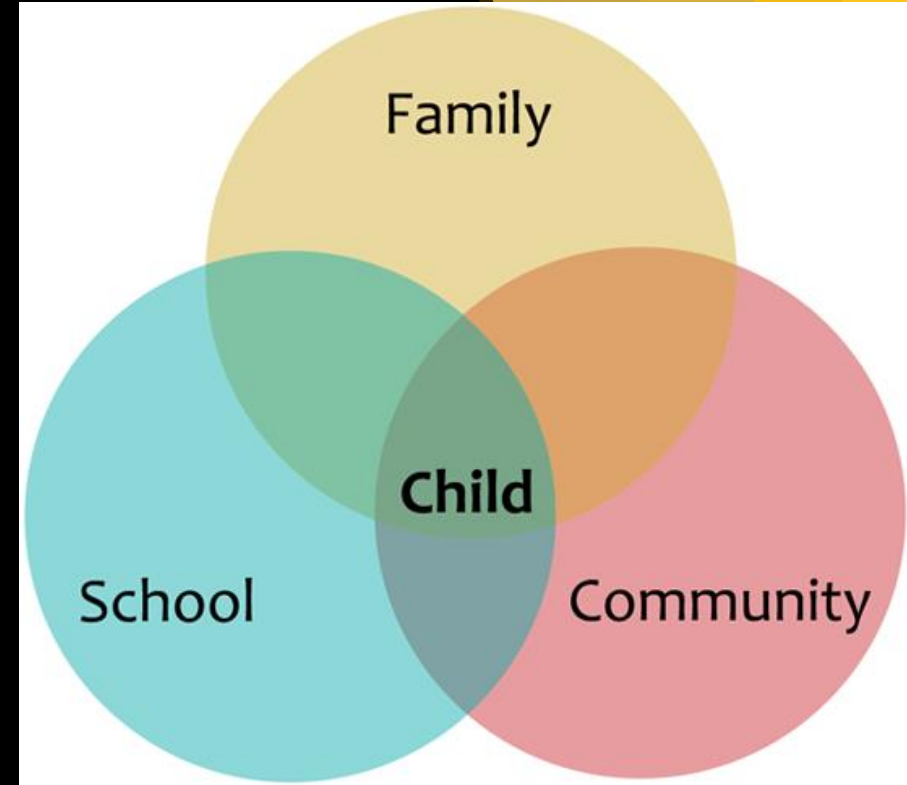


- We are keen to work closely with you as partners
- Your child will find this session challenging
- Support to help your child to recover from impact of pandemic
- They may struggle with their workload
- Your support will make the difference
- Resilience



# Partnership Working at STA

- Supporting STA's High Standards and Expectations
- Monitoring homework, coursework and assessments
- Time Management & Study Planning
- Study Environment
- Routine
- Resilience
- Health & well-being



# 3. National Qualifications

## THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2, Awards			
1	National 1, Awards			

# National 5

- SCQF Level 5
- External Exam
- Graded A-D
- Progression to Higher



# Higher

- SCQF Level 6
- External Exam
- Graded A-D
- Progression to Advanced Higher



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SQA



# 4. SQA Presentation Levels

- S4 Attainment, performance in assessments, homework and attendance
- Numerous tracking points throughout the year
- Monitored rigorously and discussions / interventions between class teachers, principal teachers, young people and parents.
- Prior learning/attainment vital for entry – continued high performance required for entry to final examination.

**N4**

**N5**

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**X SQA**



# Key Dates- Term 1

Month	Activity
August – October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senior Phase Information Evening</li><li>• Senior Awards Ceremony- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September</li><li>• Class tests and ongoing assessments</li></ul>



# Key Dates- Term 2

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



# Key Dates- Term 3



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



# Key Dates- Term 4

Month	Activity
April-May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="703 505 1829 586">• SQA Exams-24th April – 30<sup>th</sup> May</li><li data-bbox="703 608 1391 682">• Return for S6- TBC</li><li data-bbox="703 704 1946 785">• Results day Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024</li></ul>



# 6. 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%



# 6. Planning and Next Steps

- 3 Careers Advisors from Skills Development Scotland
- 1 DYW Co-ordinator
- 1 Work Experience Co-ordinator
- Monthly Positive Destination Meetings
- Track Young People for 12 months post school



# 6. Planning and Next Steps

- When to leave school and what to do
- Return for S6 or another Positive Destination
- Look out for Opportunities- TEAMS and Assemblies
- Virtual and In Person Work Experience Opportunities



# Resources

- ▶ All presentations and resources will be available on our school website
- ▶ You should have a hardcopy of the key dates document
- ▶ Please evaluate this evening on your way out



## STA: Senior Phase Key Dates

2023 - 2024



Dates	Event	Progress Tracker	Year Group
<b>TERM 1</b>			
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
<b>TERM 2</b>			
06.11.23	Formal Universal Study Support Block 1 commences		S4, S5, S6
08.11.23	S5/6 Progress and Achievement Evening	✓	S5,6
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
<b>TERM 3</b>			
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
<b>TERM 4</b>			
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



# Thank you for listening

<b>Session</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2. Study Skills</b>	<b>7.20 - 7.25pm</b>	<b>Social Area</b>
<b>3. Routes into University &amp; Choosing a University</b>	<b>7.25 - 7.30pm</b>	<b>Social Area</b>
<b>4. UCAS Application Process</b>	<b>7.35 – 7.40pm</b>	<b>Social Area</b>
<b>5. Optional Information Stalls</b>	<b>7.40 – 7.55pm</b>	<b>Social Area</b>