SENIOR PHASE INFORMATION EVENING

Welcome!

S6

READY FOR THE CHALLENGE

Thursday 5ᵗʰ September 2024 | 7.20pm
Year Head: Mrs Farrell

STA: S6 ATTAINMENT IN S5

By the end of S5, no. of young people achieving:

1+ Award @ SCQF Level 6	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24*
	56%	65%	69.9%	68%	69%	60%

3+ Awards @ SCQF Level 6	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24*
	27%	38%	41.5%	43%	37%	37%

5+ Awards @ SCQF Level 6	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24*
	12%	17.5%	17.1%	23%	20%	14.3

*Not yet including SQCF Level 4/5/6 qualifications

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STA : FACTORS THAT LEAD TO HIGH ATTAINMENT

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

S6 STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS

➜ Attendance & timekeeping

➜ Effort

➜ Attitude

➜ Behaviour

➜ Uniform

➜ Active participation

S6 STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS

Student Support Programme

➔ Supported Study

➔ Metacognition and Study Skills

➔ Targeted HWB groups (e.g. Coping with Exam Stress Workshops)

➔ Easter School

➔ Pastoral Care Support

➔ Year Head

THE S6 EXPERIENCE

IT TAKES
a village
TO RAISE
a child.
— AFRICAN PROVERB

Resilience Is...

the ability to
anticipate
adapt
flourish
in the face of change

THE S6 EXPERIENCE

➔ Pupils must commit to all 5 courses

➔ College and UCAS offers (eve 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

KEY DATES TERM 1

MONTH	ACTIVITY
August - October	➔ Class tests ➔ On-going assessments ➔ Senior Phase Awards Ceremony (14.09.24) ➔ Study Skills for Parents/ Carers (03.10.24) ➔ College Application Support (October Week) ➔ Positive Destinations Evening (24.10.24) ➔ Tracking Report 1 (28.10.24)

KEY DATES TERM 2

MONTH	ACTIVITY
October - December	➔ Class tests ➔ On-going assessments ➔ Positive Destinations Evening (24.10.24) ➔ Tracking Report 1 (28.10.24) ➔ Progress and Achievement Evening 1 (13.11.24) ➔ Interim Assessments (02.12.24 – 18.12.24)

KEY DATES TERM 3

MONTH	ACTIVITY
January - March	➜ Class tests ➜ On-going assessments ➜ Staff Moderation of Interim Assessments ➜ Interim Assessment Results (22.01.25) ➜ Post-Interim Assessment Interventions ➜ Additional Assessment Arrangements ➜ Progress and Achievement Evening 2 (12.02.25) ➜ Supported Study ➜ Tracking Report 2 (31.03.25) ➜ Final SQA Presentation levels and Estimates

KEY DATES TERM 4

MONTH	ACTIVITY
April - June	➔ S6 Leaver's Mass and Celebration ➔ Easter School ➔ SQA Exam Diet begins 28.04.25 ➔ S6 Prom (03.06.24 *tbc*) **SQA Results Day 05.08.25**

POSITIVE DESTINATIONS

2022-23	Total % Positive	Total % Negative
STA	97.44%	2.56%
Scotland	93.50%	6.5%

➔ 3 Careers Advisors from Skills Development Scotland
➔ 1 Developing the Young Workforce Co-ordinator
➔ 1 Work Experience Co-ordinator
➔ Monthly Positive Destination Meetings
➔ Track young people for 12 months post-school

TOP-UP AND REACH

✨ Top- Up

The programme is a reparation course for pupils who are currently applying for, or are considering applying for, Higher Education courses in university or college.

If a pupil secures a profile of BBB or above, Top-Up will then pass their Profiles to all the universities to which the pupils have applied to. This could allow the pupil to receive an **adjusted offer of entry.**

The Top-Up programme will run in 2 cohorts.
Cohort 1 -
- October 2024: Introduction Session in school.
- 4th November 2024 – 13th December 2025: 6 week online programme. Essay due w/c 16th Dec.
- March 2025: Campus session at University of Glasgow.

Cohort 2 -
- January 2025: Introduction Session in school.
- 27th January 2025 – 7th March 2025: 6 week online programme. Essay due w/c 10th March
- March 2025: Campus session at University of Glasgow.

The programme is available to pupils who meet the following eligibility criteria:
- Live in SIMD decile 1-4 (SIMD 20/40)
- Are care experienced
- Are estranged from family and living without family support
- Are a carer (provide unpaid care)
- Are seeking asylum in the UK
- Have refugee status

Miss Wong and Mr McGraw will post on the pupils' year group teams soon for pupils to sign up!

✨ Reach

Reach supports access to four professional degrees offered by the University - **Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.**

If a pupils are successful in passing Reach, Reach will then pass their Profiles to all the universities to which the pupils have applied to. This could allow the pupil to receive an **adjusted offer of entry.**

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Reach timetable

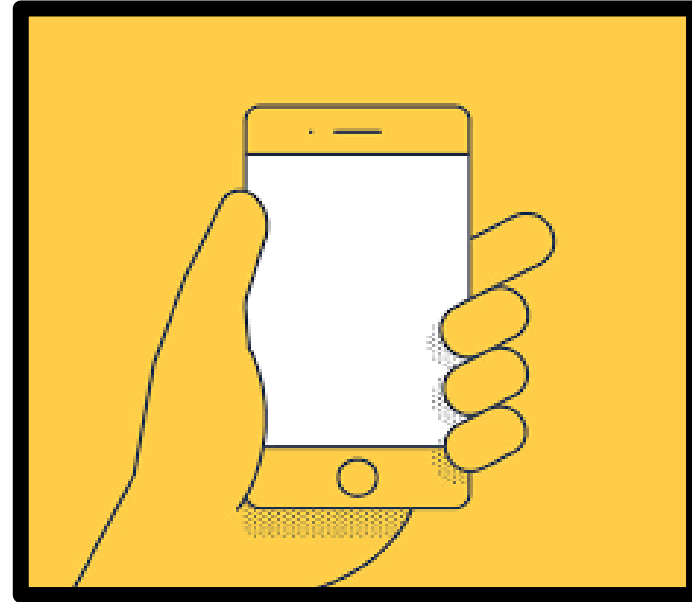**Miss Wong and Mr McGraw will post on the pupils' year group teams soon for pupils to sign up!**

2nd October 2024	Registration deadline.	ALL S5 Pupils AND NEW S6 pupils applying to Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine ONLY.	Pupils must meet WP criteria. If not then application must be made by school for consideration under extenuating circumstances.
27th October 2024	Deadline for Written Assignment and Reflective Essay.	NEW S6 registrants applying to Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine ONLY.	
Early October 2024	Personal statement feedback returned	S6 participants who submitted on 15th September.	
Early November - Mid December 2024	Cohort 1 - Online school sessions for Reach & Access subjects.	S5 pupils	We would prefer all pupils take part in Cohort 1 but will likely run a 2nd Cohort for late registrations from early Feb 2024
3rd November 2024	Deadline for submission of personal statement for review.	S6 participants applying to Law and Access subjects ONLY.	Submit statement via webform
Mid/late November 2024	Online interview workshop.	S6 participants applying to Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine ONLY.	
Mid November 2024	Personal statement feedback returned.	S6 participants who submitted on 3rd November.	
3rd November 2024	Registration deadline.	NEW S6 pupils applying to Law and Access professions ONLY.	Pupils must WP criteria. If not then application must be made by school for consideration under extenuating circumstances.
13th November 2024	Deadline for Written Assignment and Reflective Essay.	NEW S6 registrants applying to Law and Access professions ONLY.	
15th January 2025	Registration deadline for s5 pupils to participate in Cohort 2 online sessions	S5 pupils	Pupils must meet WP criteria. If not then application must be made by school for consideration under extenuating circumstances.
Early Feb-Mid March 2025	Cohort 2 - Online school sessions for Reach & Access subjects.	S5 pupils	
Late February 2025	Registration deadline for s4 pupils.	S4 pupils	Pupils must meet WP criteria.
March 2025	Online or in-school sessions for Reach & Access subjects.	S4 pupils	Pupils must meet WP criteria.
Mid June 2025	Access Campus day.	S5 pupils who have completed the essay assignment.	
Late June 2025	Reach Campus week.	S5 pupils who have completed the essay assignment.	

INFORMATION SHARING

▶ All presentations and resources will be available on our school website

▶ You should have a hardcopy of the key dates/ FAQs document

▶ Digital copy of Key Dates/ FAQs document emailed to you tomorrow

WHAT'S NEXT?

7.40pm – 7.55pm	UCAS Application Process Key information for current or future UCAS applicants	Mr McGraw PT Pastoral Care	Social Area *(seating)*
8pm	END OF EVENT		