



# STA: Senior Phase Information Evening

**Key Dates: 2025 – 2026**

Please see below some key dates for session 25-26, including the five occasions across the session that you will receive information from us regarding your young person's progress.

Date	Event	Progress Update	Year Group
<b>TERM 1</b>			
04.09.25	Senior Phase Information Evening		S4, S5, S6
11.09.25	Senior Phase Awards Ceremony		S5, S6
06.10.25	Study Skills Support for Parents and Carers: 6pm-6.30pm on Teams		S4, S5, S6
13.10.25	October Week College Application Support commences (Oct holiday)		S4, S5, S6
<b>TERM 2</b>			
21.10.25	Positive Destinations Evening 5.30pm – 7pm		S4, S5, S6
29.10.25	Tracking Report 1 issued		S4, S5, S6
04.11.25	S5/6 Progress and Achievement Evening 1	✓2	S5,6
11.11.25	S4 Progress and Achievement Evening 1	✓2	S4
17.11.25/ 18.11.25	S6 School Photographs		S6
01.12.25	Interim Assessments Commence		S4, S5, S6
17.12.25	Interim Assessments Conclude		S4, S5, S6
<b>TERM 3</b>			
05.01.26	Staff Moderation of Interim Assessments Commence		S4, S5, S6
16.01.26	Staff Moderation of Interim Assessments Conclude		S4, S5, S6
20.01.26	S4 into S5 & S5 into S6 Personalisation and Choice information session (Teams)		
21.01.26	Interim Assessment Results Issued	✓3	S4, S5, S6
26.01.26	Post-Interim Assessment Results Interventions begin		S4, S5, S6
05.02.26	S4 Progress and Achievement Evening 2	✓4	S4
12.02.26	S5/6 Progress and Achievement Evening 2	✓4	S5, S6
23.02.26	Formal Universal Study Support Block 2 commences (TBC)		S4, S5, S6
25.03.26	Tracking Report 2 Issued	✓5	S4, S5, S6
<b>TERM 4</b>			
22.04.26	SQA Exam Diet Commences		S4, S5, S6
01.06.26	SQA Exam Diet Concludes		S4, S5, S6
03.06.26	Prom ( <i>provisional date, still to be confirmed</i> )		S6
29.05.26	Caritas Awards Ceremony		S6
04.08.26	SQA Exam results		S4, S5, S6

*Dates are subject to change and we will communicate any changes with you asap.*

Further information will follow in due course regarding:

- ➔ Supported Study
- ➔ E-sgoil sign-up
- ➔ College Applications October Holiday support programme
- ➔ Easter School



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- ➔ S6 Leavers' Mass and
- ➔ New S5 and New S6

# UCAS

Celebration (April 2026)  
Induction (June 2025)



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
<b>18.06.25</b>	UCAS Assembly. Join UCAS Team and register for UCAS Hub using pupil booklet.	Registration for the UCAS hub is to be completed and applicants should be researching course choices.
<b>12.09.25</b>	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 <b>Friday 12th September</b> .
<b>19.09.25</b>	Course Choices and Personal Statement	Complete research and pick 5 choices by Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September. First draft of Personal Statement to Pastoral Care teachers by <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b> .
<b>28.09.25</b>	Personal Statements	Second draft of Personal Statement completed by <b>Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> .
<b>01.10.25</b>	Early Deadlines	<b>Wednesday, 1st October</b> - Applications for <b>Music</b> at the Conservatoire should <b>arrive at UCAS by 18:00</b> .
<b>08.10.25</b>	Early Deadlines	<b>Wednesday 08th October</b> - Applications for Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science.
<b>24.10.25</b>	Personal Statement	For all other students, final draft of Personal Statement completed by <b>Friday 24th October</b> .
<b>07.11.25</b>	Personal Statement completion	Students to work with Pastoral Care Teachers to finalise Personal Statements.
<b>21.11.25</b>	Complete Applications and Pay	Student Applications completed and payment submitted by <b>Friday 21st November</b> .
<b>22.11.25 – 05.12.25</b>	Pastoral Care time to complete references	<b>Friday 5th December</b> – references completed by staff.
<b>05.12.25</b>	Mop-up and send to UCAS	All Applications sent to UCAS by <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b> .

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate>



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## University Open Days

We prefer pupils to attend at weekends to avoid missing school time as much as possible. If required, we will permit pupils to attend a maximum of two open days. They will require advance permission from their Pastoral Care teacher and will need authorisation from a parent / carer.



# UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are interested in the following university open days please get **permission** from your **Pastoral Care teacher**. You will be given permission to attend **2 open days**, however, try to attend **evening and weekend** sessions to avoid school absence.



Wednesday 3rd September Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	



## Additional Exam Arrangements

### ST THOMAS AQUINAS SECONDARY SCHOOL ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS



## PARENTS' GUIDE TO AAA



Some learners may need support when accessing an exam. This might be because of a physical difficulty (including medical or sensory difficulty), a behavioural or mental health difficulty, or a learning difficulty.



Class teachers are asked to think about the specific needs of learners who may require assessment arrangements for each subject and level. This is because each learner is different—even if a learner has the same additional support need or difficulty as their peer, they may not need the same type of support. This is what we call a 'needs-led' approach.



We can only put assessment arrangements in place when:

- Your child has an identified additional support need;
- The arrangements requested are similar to how your child is supported in class;
- We have gathered enough robust evidence to support the request.



Your child may not need the same arrangement in all subjects. For example, if your child has a condition that affects how they write, they might use a laptop to type their answers in an assessment with lots of writing such as English, but they might not need this in Practical Cookery where there is a practical assessment and an exam that you only need to write short answers for.



While your child is learning, their teacher will be making decisions about the best arrangements that are possible and that will be suitable to their needs. The teacher will discuss this with your child.



You will be informed of these discussions and be asked to agree to the assessments the school has requested (if your child is under age 16) and to the school passing on some personal details about your child's disability or additional support need to the SQA.

### TYPES OF AAA INCLUDE:

READER

SCRIBE

COLOURED  
OVERLAYS

USE OF ICT

PROMPTER

LARGE PRINT  
PAPERS

REST BREAKS

OTHER  
ARRANGEMENTS

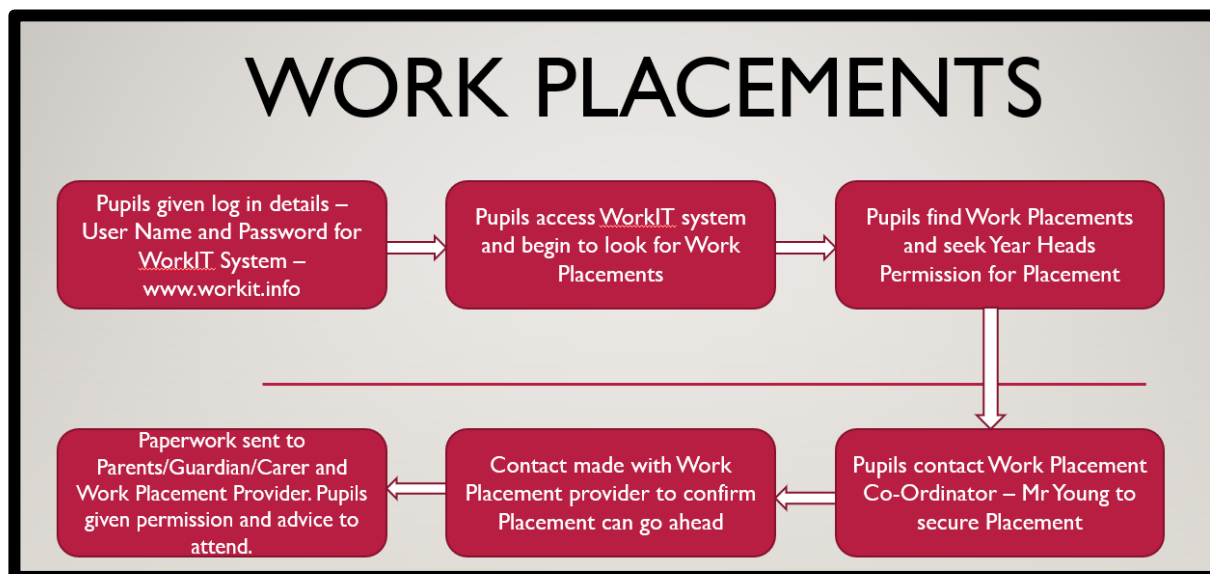


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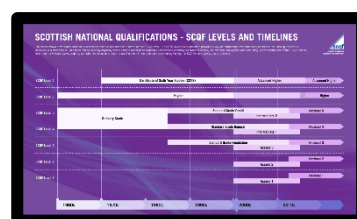
## Work Experience

Our Work Experience Coordinator is Mr Young, and he keeps pupils informed of opportunities through the Year Group Teams pages. We recommend Self-Found placements where possible, and placements during holiday times are best. Our Work Experience Coordinator can give further advice if required – any questions, please see Mr Young.



## Understanding Levels of Qualifications

Please see further info in the SCQF levels using the QR code below:





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## Qualifications Support

We recommend you look through the Scottish Qualifications Authority Learner Support for National Qualifications section. Click on the document, follow the link or scan the QR code below

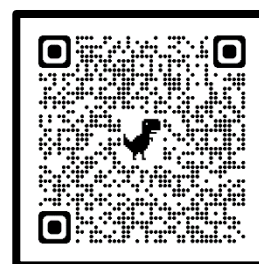
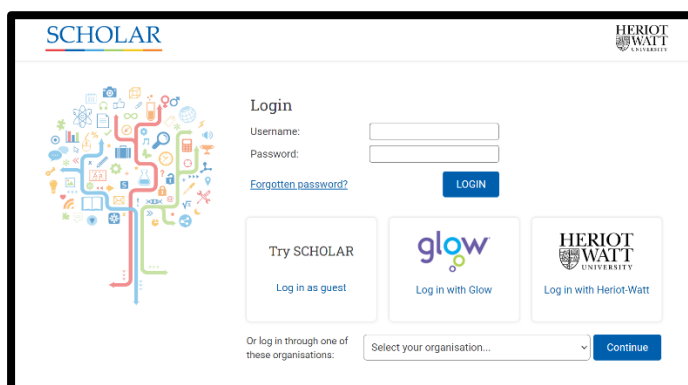
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## Other Useful Information

### SCHOLAR

Pupils are issued with their log-in details during PSE but can ask any teacher for this information.



<https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/sso/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fscholar.hw.ac.uk%2Fcourses%2F>

### ACHIEVE

<https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/>



Achieve Student Support Pack



Link to Achieve

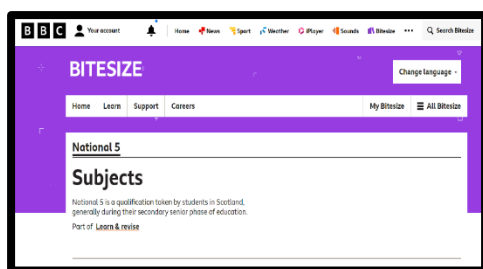
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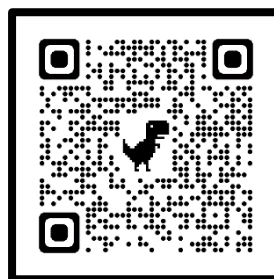


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**BBC BITESIZE** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z6gw2hv>



**BRIGHTRED DIGITAL ZONE** <https://www.brightredbooks.net/subjects/>



## STA Website: Senior Phase Raising Attainment Page

- Links to any relevant Senior Phase resources and documents
- Updated regularly



## STA Glow: Pupil Site

- Presentations on Raising Attainment
- All PSE Lesson Materials including study plan templates
- Links to study tools and other resources



## Apply for EMA



## Apply for Clothing Grant



## & Free School Meals



## Apply for Free Bus Travel

