



Welcome to Notre Dame High School

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About Us

Notre Dame High School is a Roman Catholic school located in the centre of Greenock. We serve the local communities in the central, west, and east areas of Greenock. Each year, we have around **900 young people and 100 staff members**.

Approximately **52% of our learners come from areas ranked in the two most deprived categories** (SIMD 1 & 2). The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) is a tool used to measure and compare levels of poverty and disadvantage across different areas in Scotland.

Recently, our school community has become much more **ethnically diverse**. We have an increasing number of families who are 'new to Scotland,' and we proudly welcome and celebrate this diversity.

Our Vision



At Notre Dame High School, we are a **community of learning and faith, built on love and ambition**. Our vision, values, and aims guide everything we do to help **every learner become the best version of themselves**.

Contact Us

The easiest way to keep in contact with us is via **ParentPortal**. This gives you the opportunity to:

- update on attendance
- check progress via your child's reports
- check your child's timetable
- give permission for your child to attend a trip

Find more information on ParentPortal via the School Office.

Our House System

Our House System is a key part of our school, helping to **strengthen our sense of faith and offering support to our learners**. Every learner is placed into a House, and each House has a Guidance Teacher who is there to help with any questions or concerns you may have.

The names of the Guidance Teachers can be found below.



Acutis House - Mr. Galloway

Calcutta House - Mr. Currie

Kolbe House - Mrs. Harrington

Ogilvie House - Mrs. Henry

Stella Maris House - Mrs. Bristow

Wojtyla House - Miss Kelly



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The Senior Leadership Team

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) consists of the following members:

- Miss Munro – Head Teacher
- Mrs. Smith – Year Head for S1 and S4
- Mr. Gordon – Year Head for S2 and S5
- Miss McKernan – Year Head for S3 and S6

A Year Head/DHT is responsible for the overall wellbeing and progress of the students in their assigned year group.

They can be contacted by phone (01475 715150) or email (info@notredame.inverclyde.sch.uk)

Stella Maris

Our school includes a local authority enhanced provision called **Stella Maris** which supports young people with additional support needs, and learners are placed there through a local authority process.

School Transport

In Inverclyde, whether your child is entitled to free school transport depends on a few things, like how far you live from the school, your child's age, and any additional support needs they might have. Here's how to know if you qualify:

How far you live from the school:

- If your child goes to secondary school (S1 to S6) and the school is more than 3 miles away, they could be eligible for free transport.

Special circumstances:

- If your child has special needs or a medical condition, they might be eligible for free transport, no matter how far away the school is.

How to check if you're eligible:

- Visit the Inverclyde Council website or get in touch with Education Services to find out more.
- Contact the School Office who will be more than happy to help.

Transitions In

We have three cluster primary schools – **All Saints, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's** and most of our young people come from these schools. We have 160 places each session for new S1 pupils.

Free School Meals

Your child might get free school meals at secondary school if you're on a low income or certain benefits.

To qualify, you must be receiving one of these:

- Universal Credit (if your earnings are £660 or less each month).
- Child Tax Credit only (and your income is £18,725 or less).
- Child Tax Credit AND Working Tax Credit (if your income is £8,717 or less).
- Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance, or Employment and Support Allowance (income-based).
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit).
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.



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Our Curriculum

Broad General Education – S1 to S3

In S1 and S2, learners study a wide range of subjects in these areas:

- Expressive Arts
- Health and Wellbeing
- Languages (including English and Modern Languages)
- Mathematics
- Religious Education
- Sciences
- Social Studies
- Technologies

S3 learners get the opportunity to deepen their subject knowledge by making option choices.

Senior Phase – S4 to S6

- S4: Learners study English, Maths, and five other subjects they chose in S3.
- S5: Learners choose five subjects, which could be subjects they studied in S4 or new ones.
- S6: Learners choose at least four subjects to study.

School and College Partnership

Students can experience life in college during their Senior Phase (S4-S6). In S4, this happens one afternoon a week, and in S5 and S6, it increases to two afternoons a week. If students want to take part, it's a great opportunity to get a taste of college life!



Applying to University

To apply to a university in the UK, students must use the UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Service) system. Each course may have different entry requirements, but all university applications must go through UCAS. Staff at school will help guide students through the application process if they wish to apply to university.

Applying to College

To apply for a full-time college course, students can apply directly on the college's website.

Positive and Sustained Destinations

Most students finish school in S5 or S6, but some may leave after S4, as the legal minimum school leaving age in Scotland is 16.

When students leave school, they need to have a "positive destination," which means they must be heading to something like:

- An apprenticeship
- Employment
- Further Education (e.g., college)
- Higher Education (e.g., university)
- Training

Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) helps students make the transition from school to their next step. Julie, our Careers Advisor, is available to meet with every student to talk about their future plans and any support they might need.

Stella Maris Communication and Language Department

1 Who Are We?

The Stella Maris Communication and Language Dept is an authority wide ASN resource located in Notre Dame High School. Pupils are allocated a space in the Department through a referral process to the ASN Forum

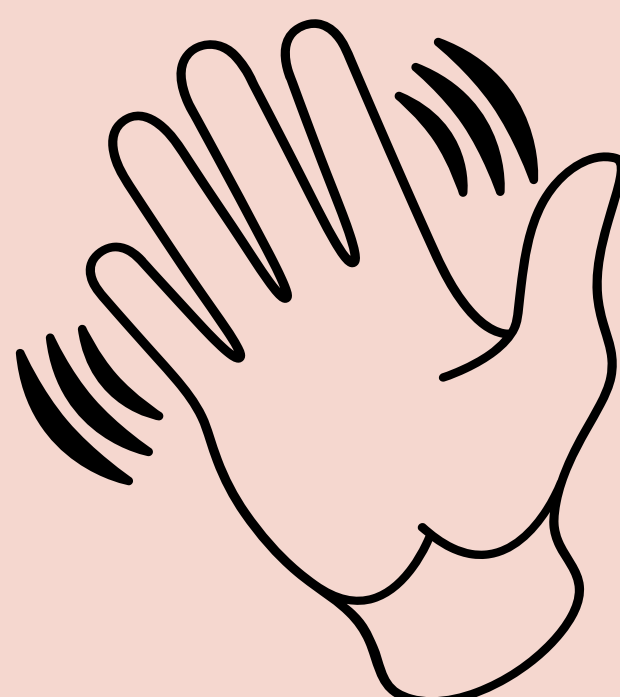


2 Meet the Team

Our Stella Maris Staff Team consists of dedicated Primary and Secondary Teachers and Pupil Support Assistants.

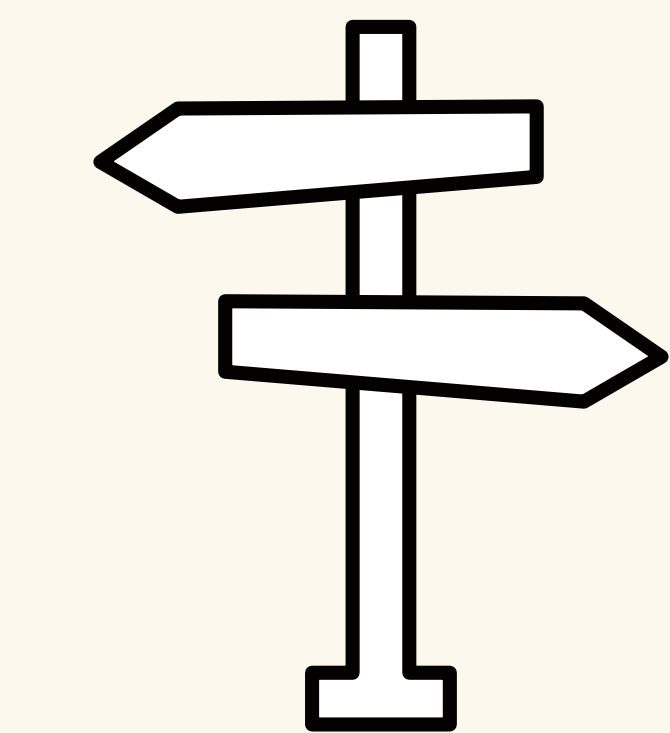
Our Team work to meet the wide and varied needs of all our Stella Maris Learners.

The PT of Stella Maris also acts as our pupil's Guidance Teacher and will fulfill all responsibilities associated with this.



3 We Provide

- A high quality curriculum for pupils from S1-S6
- Transitional support for pupils from P7 into S1 and for all school leavers.
- Access to appropriate mainstream resources and experiences
- Regular dialogue with pupils, parent and carers
- Regular tracking and monitoring updates for pupil learning journeys, developing a robust evidence base which will help inform and shape provision



4 Where Are We?

Stella Maris Dept is located at the far end of the Admin corridor on the ground floor.

The department has six classrooms, a sensory room, a lifeskills room and a quiet study room.