

November Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your support through what has been a very eventful few weeks in the life of the Community of St Andrew's High School.

We have been settling into the rhythm of school life well despite the changes to our normal ways of working. Your children, our learners, have been absolutely fantastic and we are all extremely proud of them.

I am aware that because so much has changed it is even harder to keep track of school life than previously. The good news is that you can keep up to date by following us on twitter [@StAndrewsHS](https://twitter.com/StAndrewsHS) which will give a flavour as to some of the brilliant news coming out of St Andrew's High School. We are also trying to send more useful information via e-mail and text and I would ask you all to check that we have the correct contact details to make sure you receive that information.

Our Satchel One homework App. is also a key method we employ to keep learners up to date with homework tasks as well as supporting those who have had to isolate or indeed are off school for any reason.

We will keep working hard with further restrictions beginning and will keep praying for all our wonderful families and friends of St Andrews.

As always, please contact me at the school using the details below.

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SQA Update

Senior Phase SQA Update

National 3&4:

Those learners aspiring to achieve awards at National 3 and National 4 level are working through coursework and assessments in classes. Great attendance and a great work ethic are so important to achieve success in these qualifications as the assessment is ongoing throughout the year. It's important to remember that the majority of learners who achieve National 4 qualifications in Fourth Year achieve great results at national 5 at the end of Fifth Year. Many will then go on to achieve the 'GOLD' standard Higher award joining the 60% of our learners who achieve a higher before they leave.

National 5:

As you know, there are no National 5 external exams this session with Teacher Professional Judgements forming the estimate grades which will be used by the SQA to decide on final awards. Each subject is preparing learners to provide strong key assessment evidence. Some of this evidence will be overtaken during the fourth year 'prelim' assessment fortnight week beginning Monday 30th November. For those taking N5 in S5/6, this will be in late January. Full reports for Fourth Year will follow in late January/early February. The message from teachers is maintain your focus to complete course work well and revise properly for assessments now and enjoy a break at Christmas.

Higher & Advanced Higher:

Higher and Advanced Higher examinations are planned for May/June 2021 and a prelim diet of exams is being planned week beginning Monday 21st January. One thing we have learnt recently however is that the ongoing classwork and assessment is crucial to success in these exams in particular as we navigate through the pandemic. The clear message is : Complete coursework well and don't wait to begin study and revision until the prelims. Work hard now and you will reap the rewards in good results later.

Parents as Partners Update

Did you know that our Parent Council has registered with easy fundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

Since our fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for St Andrew's High School Coatbridge.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

Visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standreshighschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2

Many thanks to the Parents as Partners group for all the support they offer to our school and the practical ways they help our wider community.

Next meeting on Monday 23rd November @6.30pm

Parent Council: @sahs_parent

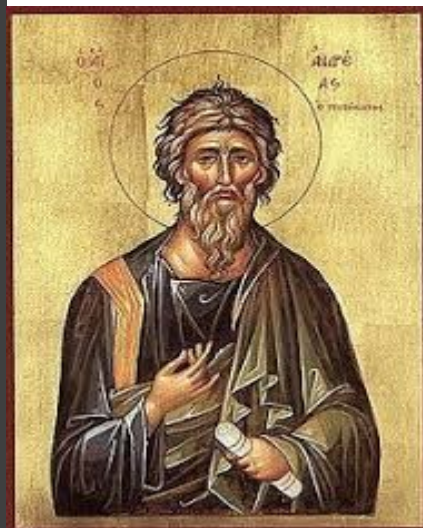


COVID 19

Here's a wee reminder of what is in place at St Andrew's to mitigate the risk of the spread of the virus.

- Our Pink and Green weeks provide longer teaching blocks which reduces the need for movement about the school significantly.
- Hand hygiene routines are well established on entry to the building and in each teaching area.
- Teachers and staff maintain 2 metre social distancing and wear face coverings as appropriate.
- At the start of the day, morning interval and lunchtime—S1&2 are in the social area/ S3 the assembly hall / S4 & 5 in separate halves of the games hall and S6 in the Gym hall to accommodate social distancing and reduce mixing amongst year groups.
- S4-6 wear masks at all times in the school building unless eating. Please ensure that learners have their face covering with them in the morning. We do provide masks for those who don't have one. However this can be costly and time consuming.
- S1-3 wear masks when moving through corridors and during breaks when in the building and not eating. All learners can wear masks when they wish
- Our cleaners are working very hard with the enhanced cleaning regime and we use TOUCAN spray which is harmless to the environment and super effective at killing COVID19.
- If anyone in the household displays symptoms please follow the advice and let the school know of the need to isolate as soon as you can. We will contact you to ensure your child is supported through their isolation period and can keep up with work as appropriate.

- Lunch and interval queues are busy but well managed. Those learners who use the FUSION app to pre-order their food jump to the front of the queues which really helps to make service go much more quickly so that everyone is happy.



School Dates

Holidays & In-Service Days 2020-2021

Christmas Holidays:	Wednesday 23 Dec 2020 - Tuesday 5 Jan 2021 (inclusive)
Mid-term break:	Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 February 2021
In-service Day:	Wednesday 10 February 2021
Easter break:	Friday 2 to Friday 16 April 2021 (inclusive) (Good Friday 2 April Easter Monday 5 April 2021)
May day holiday:	Monday 3 May 2021
In-Service day:	Thursday 6 May 2021.
May weekend holiday:	Friday 28 and Monday 31 May 2021
Summer, School closes:	Thursday 24 June 2021

Unfortunately, we are not having our Parents' meetings which is a real shame. We are, as mentioned earlier, continuing to send reports and keep Parents / Carers updated using other methods. If you have a particular concern or issue or question which you would like to raise please phone the school and make contact with the Pupil Support Teacher for your child. You may also like to respond to any text messages sent from the school or by e-mail to the enquiries address. We monitor this daily and will make sure to respond and support you.

Reporting Dates

Here are some key dates. We will also be running events to support Option choices and the Primary school Transition from P7 to S1. More details to follow.

Parents as Partners	Mon 23 November 2020(6.30 pm)
S2 Full Reports	December 2020
S4 Full Reports	January 2021
S3 Full Reports	Feb/March 2021
S1 Full Reports	February 2021
S5/6 Full Reports	March 2021



School Hoodie

Uniform Update

Thank you all for the continued support of our FULL school uniform policy. We have set high standards and expectations for FULL uniform to be worn by ALL learners EVERY day.

At present (since there is no changing allowed) on PE days; blazers are worn over PE kit. We have also arranged for school Hoodies to be available from our uniform partner scotcrest. Order online @ <https://scotcrestschools.co.uk/Find-Your-School/North-Lanarkshire/St-Andrews-High/STANHOOB>.

PE will all be outdoors in Tier 4 and classrooms will require more ventilation than normal while it gets colder outside so please ensure learners are wrapped up warm and ready for the Scottish Winter Weather!



School Communication

All students are encouraged to download the Satchel One, Teams, OneDrive & Outlook apps onto their phones. (They can also download other MS Office apps).

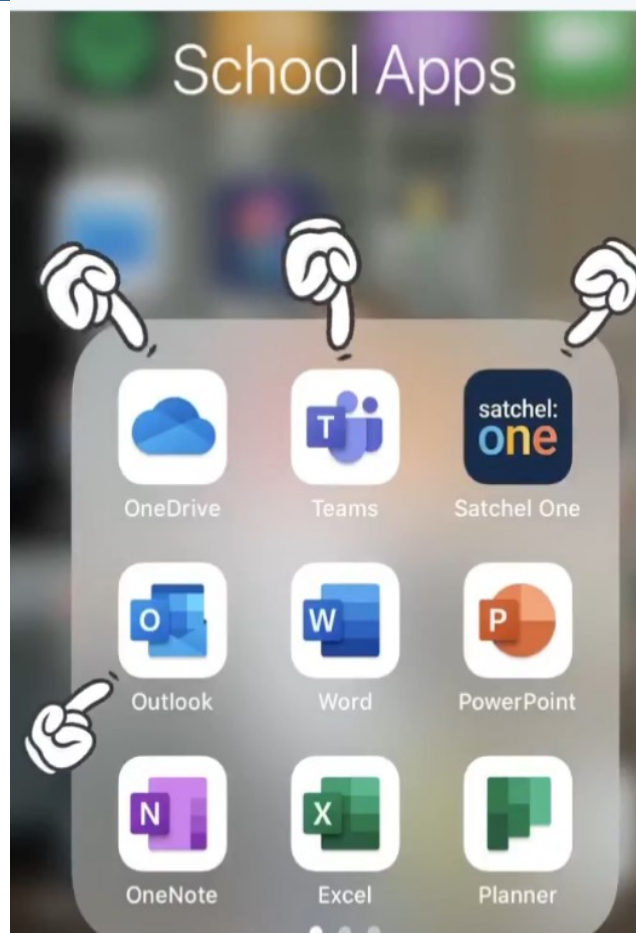
Parents & children can also download the FUSION App to beat cafeteria queues.

These apps are free to download & if students have WiFi or data issues they can see Mr McCrossan at lunchtimes for assistance. We may be able to help if learners have no or limited access to a device at home to support their learning—please contact your Child's Pupil Support Teacher in the first instance.

Parents help page on Satchel one
<https://help.satchelone.com/en/collections/1695420-parents>

Please visit our website where Parents and Learners can find links to all kinds of useful material such as how to stay safe online, improving our Mental Health and study tips & support:

www.st-andrewshigh.n-lanark.sch.uk



 **Say goodbye to queuing
with the Fusion Mobile**

Getting started

Download the app

You can download the app by scanning the relevant QR code for your phone, or by searching 'Fusion Mobile' on your app store.



If you have problems finding the app, head on over to <https://connect.crb.cunninghams.co.uk> for the download links.





Face coverings to
be worn by all
students & staff
in corridors & social areas

Face coverings to
be worn in class for all
senior pupils (S4-S6)
& staff

Exemptions apply for medical conditions



Outdoor Jackets
for poor weather



All necessary
class materials



Avoid touching
your face



Wash your
hands



Use sanitisers &
cleansing wipes



Physical distance
where possible

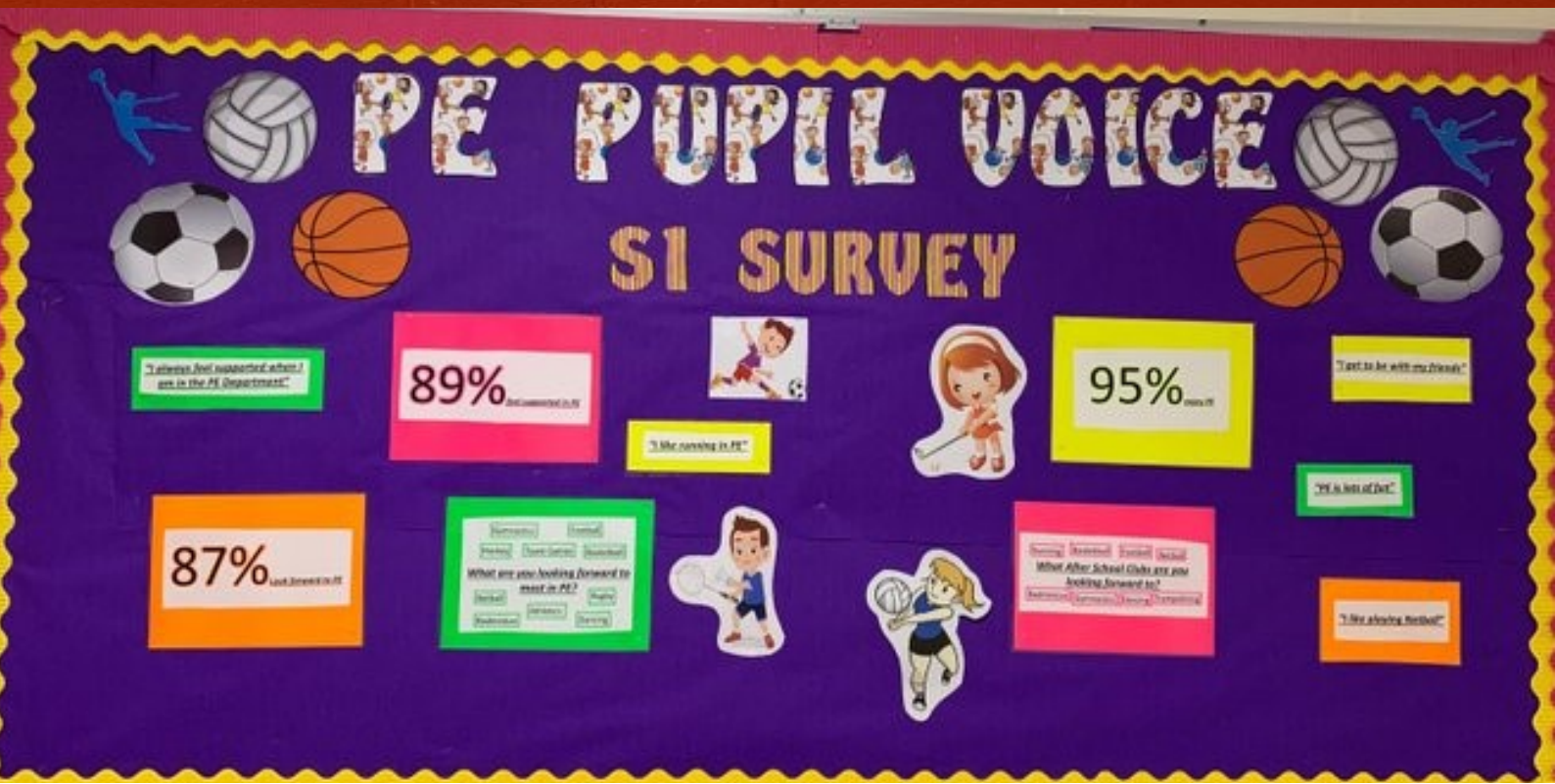


Appropriate
outdoor PE Kit



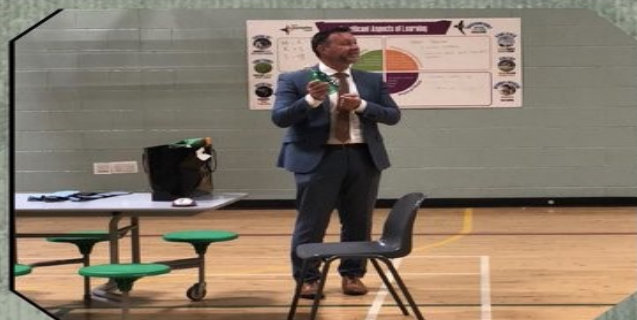
“As we enter heaven
we will see them,
so many of them
coming towards
us and thanking
us. We will ask
who they are, and
they will say a poor
soul you prayed
for in purgatory.”

-Quotable Fulton J. Sheen.





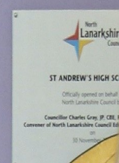
Mr Healy - Thank You & Good Luck



By wearing a face covering, you're **protecting** those around you



Welcome to the Community of
SAINT ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL







Hand any suitable items into the RE Department



St Andrew's High School Foodbank Collection



Please support those less fortunate



Treats



Tinned soup, meat, fish



Packet Noodles




Rice





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GEOGRAPHY



Castles, Counties


HISTORY

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Home for the first...
UNSUBMITTABLE OF FICTION

Leo Kirkland

MODERN STUDIES



Abbie Madden

GEOGRAPHY LANDMARK MODELS

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