

Taylor High School Parents' Information Meeting



March 2021



Taylor High School Motto



Que Tout Soit Pour Dieu

May all things be for God

What to expect from tonight.

HT-Introduction

DHT- Transition outline

- Expectations

- Curriculum

PTPS -Role

- Support

Questions

Taylor High School Prayer

God our father,
Guide us through each day,
Give us the strength to do your will,
Help us to work together
to serve our school, our home and our parish.
Give us the gift of faith to live our school motto:
Que Tout Soit Pour Dieu.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord
Amen



A Charter for Catholic Schools in Scotland

The mission of the Catholic school is to develop as a community of faith and learning, providing the highest quality of education, and offering formation through the promotion of Gospel values, through celebration and worship, and through service to the common good.

All Catholic schools in Scotland, in honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, will feature the following characteristics:

- a commitment to the integrated education and formation of the whole person, in close partnership with parents as the first educators of their children;
- an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God;
- a commitment to the search for wisdom in life and to the pursuit of excellence, through the development of each person's unique God-given talents;
- a commitment to the spiritual formation of the school community, through the shared experience of prayer and liturgy, and in partnership with local parishes;
- the provision of religious education programmes which will enable young people to develop their understanding of Gospel values and of how to apply them to life;
- a commitment to uphold the moral teaching, faith tradition and sacramental life of the Catholic Church;
- a commitment to communicate Catholic social teaching and thereby to promote social justice and opportunity for all;
- a commitment to ecumenical action and the unity of Christians;
- the promotion of respect for different beliefs and cultures and for inter-faith dialogue;
- a commitment to support the continuing professional and spiritual development of staff.

All staff appointed to a Catholic school are expected to support and promote the aims, mission, values and ethos of the school, as illustrated in this Charter.

Taylor High School Aims

- Offer a curriculum of the highest quality
 - Ensure high quality learning and teaching
 - Develop pupils ' knowledge, skills and abilities
 - Maximise pupils' attainment and achievement
 - Promote Gospel Values and a caring, Christian ethos
 - Encourage Spiritual Growth in pupils
 - Foster a strong sense of community
 - Promote positive pupil behaviour
 - Ensure equal opportunities for all
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Transition 2020-21

What next.....

- P7 Parents' Information Meeting (25th March 21)
 - Taylor H.S. Transition Info available on school website & twitter
 - 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Teams for each associated primary (March 21)
 - Live streamed Welcome Mass (Spring 21)
 - School visit in Spring 21hopefully!!!
 - Summer Schoolhopefully!! (Aug 21)
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- At Taylor High School we have a robust system to ensure all students will have a successful and seamless transition and to help pupils and parents minimise anxiety about the change.
 - Covid 19 has challenged this as it has many areas of our lives but we will continually work to ensure pupils are fully supported to help them in their transition to secondary.
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At Taylor High we want all pupils to:

- Get used to their new routines and school with ease
 - Develop new friendships
 - Develop positive relationships with staff
 - Continue to develop their self-esteem and confidence
 - Have enriched learning experiences with new opportunities
 - Feel challenged as learners and develop new skills
 - Continue to develop emotional resilience
 - Continue to make academic progress
 - Feel happy, safe and a valued part of the Taylor community
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The Curriculum

All children and young people are entitled to experience:

- A Broad General Education (BGE) (S1 – S3) based on experiences and outcomes across Third and Fourth Levels
- A Senior Phase of education with National Qualifications (S4 – S6)



What is CfE about?

- A planned ‘learning journey’ from 3 to 18
 - Develop skills for learning, life and work
 - Experience of school more relevant to the modern world (Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce)
 - National Qualifications
 - Support in moving into positive and sustained destinations beyond school
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Curriculum in Taylor

S1 to S3 clear purpose for all young people:

- Develop strong platform for later learning
 - Successful transition to qualifications at the right level for them.
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The Broad General Education (BGE) in Taylor High School....

S1 Transition Curriculum

S2 Progression Curriculum

S3 Immersion Curriculum

The Broad General Education

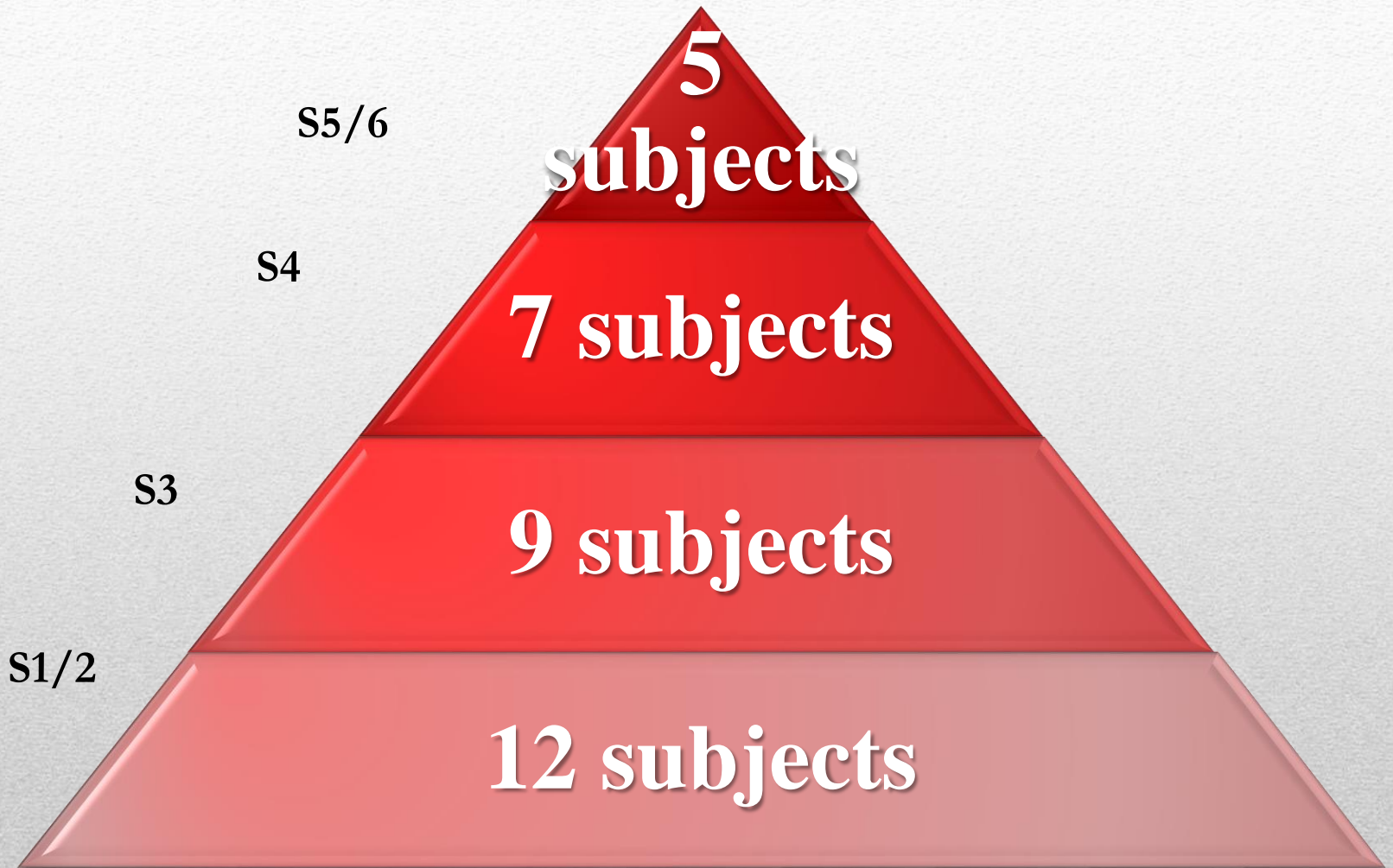
S1 & S2 Broad General Education is offered across the 8 curricular areas with no pupil choice

BGE continues in S3 where all 8 curricular areas covered

Some choice offered to allow personalisation

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BGE Curricular Areas S1 – S3

Expressive Arts

Technologies

Health & Wellbeing

Social

Languages

Science

Maths

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Literacy, Numeracy & Health and Wellbeing across learning

All staff working with children and young people will deliver skills in literacy and numeracy

All staff have a responsibility for young people's health and wellbeing and for identifying the support a young person needs on a day-to-day basis.

• RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	2
• ENGLISH	5
• SPANISH	3
• MATHEMATICS	5
• SOCIAL SUBJECTS	3
• SCIENCE	3
• ART & DESIGN	2
• MUSIC	2
• ICT	2
• TECHNICAL	1
• HOME ECONOMICS	1
• PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2
• HEALTH & WELLBEING	1

TOTAL

32 PERIODS

32periodweek@northlan.gov.uk

First Year at Taylor High

- Uniform (Logoxpres)
 - PE Clothes
 - Homework/Student Planners
 - Monitoring and Tracking pupil progress(Oct & May)
 - Settling in Interviews
 - Parents' Meetings
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First Year at Taylor High

- Remain within the school campus at lunch time until after the Christmas break.
 - Positive Discipline Policy
 - Celebrating Success
 - Pupil Councils
 - Social Functions
 - School Transport (Cleland, Dalziel Park, Part of Newarthill)
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Mrs Connell S1 Pupil Support Teacher

- Settling into S1
 - Wellbeing
 - Routine
 - Parental contact
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First Year at Taylor High

SUPPORT

- Pupil Support Team
 - Support for Learning Department
 - Buddies/Peer Tutors
 - Support Groups (Nurture, Seasons for Growth)
 - Home School Partnership Officer (HSPO) Community Learning & Development
 - Support from external agencies
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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FIRST YEAR PUPIL

Per.	Time	Class/Subject
1	08.55am - 09.45am	ENGLISH
2	09.45am - 10.35am	SCIENCE
	10.35am – 10.50am	INTERVAL
3	10.50am - 11.40am	MATHEMATICS
4	11.40am – 12.30pm	SPANISH
	12.30pm - 1.15pm	LUNCH
5	1.15pm - 2.05pm	SOCIAL SUBJECTS
6	2.05pm - 2.55pm	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
7	2.55pm – 3.45pm (Mon, Tues, Thurs)	TECHNICAL
3.45pm		DISMISSAL (Mon, Tues and Thurs) (subject to change Aug 21)

Taylor High - Extra-curricular.....

Out of School Hours Learning - Lunchtime or after School Activities.....

Supported Study	Choir and Bands	Knitting Club
Easter School	Club	Library
All-weather Pitch	Craft Club	Literature Club
Art Club	Dance	Netball
Athletics Club	Debating Club	NLC Challenge
Badminton	Discos	Panto
Baking Club	Duke of Edinburgh Award	Peer Tutoring
Basketball	Fantasy Football	Prefects
BBC School News Day	Harry Potter Film Club	Rugby
Blackpool Trip	Fitness/Circuits Training	Science Club
Book Club	Football	STEM Club
Buddy Club	Free Running	Senior Prom
Card/Games Club	Geography Club	Table Tennis Club
Caritas	Gymnastics	Trampolining
Ceilidhs	Homework Club	Volleyball
Chemistry Quiz Team	ICT lunchtime activities	Year Book Club

Where can you find out more?

The partners working to deliver Curriculum for Excellence are:

- **Scottish Government** www.scotland.gov.uk
 - **Education Scotland** www.educationscotland.gov.uk
 - **Scottish Qualifications Authority** www.sqa.gov.uk
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