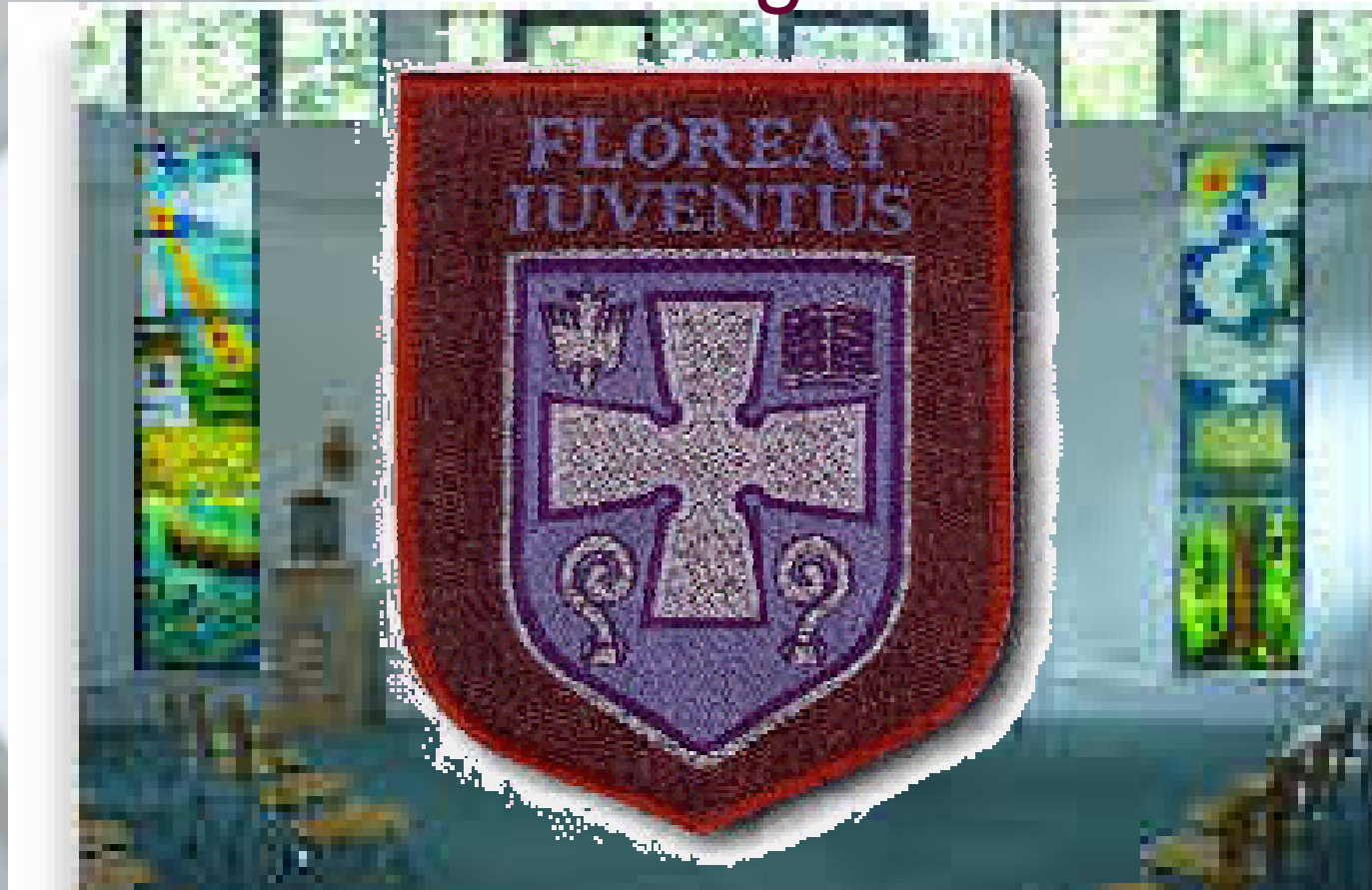


St Ninian's High School



S4 SQA Information Evening 22 October
2009

Jubilee Prayer

God our loving father, we praise you for your ever-present love, care and protection. We thank you for your gift of life.

By the preaching and witness of our patron Saint Ninian, your gift of faith was brought to our land. May that same gift of faith enlighten our school community, parents, teachers and pupils.

Lord, bless us your witnesses, that we may be firm in faith, unending in trust, patient in hope, united in truth, friendship and solidarity.

Lord, guide our school community, that inspired by your Holy Spirit, we may use our talents and abilities to bring joy to those around us.

Send upon us a fresh outpouring of your spirit of truth, justice and peace to aid us in our work, under the patronage of your gracious servant Ninian, that we may continue to build in St Ninian's a community of faith which Lets Youth flourish.

Amen.

National Qualifications

- Advanced Higher
- Higher
- Intermediate 2
- Intermediate 1
- Access

National Qualification Courses

- Made up of units and exam
- Units usually in groups of three
- Units internally assessed

National Qualification Courses

- Overall award requires pass in all units
- Exam externally assessed by SQA
- Units and Exam result recorded on certificate

S4

- Interim Report 1 was issued 11 September -Targets
- Evidence AND potential NOT a prediction
- Full Report (Update of Targets) –
20 November
- Parents' Evening – 3 December
- Prelims – 25 January until 8 February
- Estimates and Interim Report 2 issued 26 March
- SQA Exams: 12 May – 9 June 2010

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/>

National Qualification Experience

- Improved Results at Higher
- Improved Quality of grade
- Increased stay on rate and better progression
- National Framework FE/ Vocational Education

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
Pupil A	Level F	Intermediate 2		Higher		Adv. Higher
Pupil B	Level E	Level F	Intermediate 2		Higher	Adv. Higher
Pupil C	Level D	Level E	Intermediate 1		Intermediate 2	

Fifth Year Curriculum

- Five National Qualifications Subjects
- Choose 5 best subjects – has usually consisted of English and Mathematics plus 3 others
- Religious Education , PE + PSHE

Fifth Year Curriculum

- Individualised Option Form – based on ‘Estimated Grades’
- Options Programme – March/April
- New timetable, June 2010

Support for Pupils

Role of Pastoral Support

- Monitoring and Tracking
- Regular contact with pupils
- Meetings with Head of Year
- Dialogue with Principal Teachers and class teachers
- Cause for concern - contact with home

Support for Pupils

- Student planners
- Course outlines, NAB dates
- Study Skills - PSHE
- Subject Support – Supported Study
- Easter School

Current S6

40% (of S4 roll) achieved 5 Higher awards in S5

- 62% achieved 3+ Higher awards

- 80% achieved 1+ Higher award

- 38 pupils achieved 5 'A' awards in their Higher Exams

- 73% of pupils achieved 5+ Intermediate 2 awards in S4

- 92% achieved 5+ Intermediate 1 awards

What Helped Us

- Homework diary
- Help from our Teachers
- Supported Study
- Easter School
- **Parental Support**

Important Dates

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- Options Exercise – April
- Careers Convention – 4 March
- SQA Mass – 26 April

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH STUDY SKILLS

Class	Teacher	Location
4α1	Mrs McClure	Maths 2
4α2	Mr McArthur	Forum
4α3	Miss Dastey	Maths 1
4α4	Mr Carroll	Maths 4
4α5	Miss Sneddon	Lecture Theatre
4α6	Mr Struth	Maths 3
4α7	Mr Cumming	Maths 5
4α8	Mr Matthews	Maths 6
4α9	Mr McArthur	Forum
4α10	Miss Sneddon	Lecture Theatre