

SIXTH FORM

PROSPECTUS



St. Ninian's
HIGH SCHOOL

Scoil Ard Noo Ninian



210

students currently studying at St. Ninian's Sixth Form.

74%

of Sixth Form students went on to study at University last year.

30

subjects and courses on offer.

15

typical number of students per lesson.

2 YEARS

unlike any others you will ever spend.

5 MORE REASONS TO STUDY AT ST. NINIAN'S SIXTH FORM

Entry into our Sixth Form represents an exciting and new phase of your academic career, where there is so much more to experience as a student.

St. Ninian's High School is an ideal place to spend these important years for the following reasons:

- 1** Academic Success
- 2** Pastoral Support
- 3** Enrichment Opportunities
- 4** Leadership Development
- 5** Progression Pathways



Mr K Schofield - Head of Sixth Form

WELCOME TO OUR SIXTH FORM

I have great delight in welcoming you to St. Ninian's High School Sixth Form; an integral and invaluable part of St. Ninian's High School.

We believe that we can offer you the best chance to be fully prepared for the next steps in your academic journey, whether this is towards university or the world of work. Our identity as a Sixth Form means that you will be welcomed into a supportive and vibrant community who will work alongside you each step of your journey over the coming years.

St. Ninian's High School Sixth Form is a thriving post-16 learning community. We offer a wide range of Level 2 and Level 3 courses that will build on your previous successes, whilst preparing you for the increasingly competitive world of university and job markets. Being part of St. Ninian's High School Sixth

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Form will allow you to access high quality and supportive teaching as well as dedicated pastoral advice and guidance throughout your time with us. We have very high expectations and will do all we can to help our students to maximize their potential for success.

It is a recipe of academic excellence, strong community spirit and provision of enriching activities that makes our Sixth Form such an outstanding place to work and learn. We are committed to supporting the success of every student whether you remain with us or join us from another school.

I hope you find the following information helpful and that it gives you a flavour for what it is like to study with us. I look forward to welcoming you into our community and working with you over the forthcoming years.



Mr C. J. Coole - Head Teacher

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Our Sixth Form provides a very supportive and challenging environment where every student matters and can find their niche and individual success.

We consistently achieve excellent results at both our GCE Advanced Level courses and in our more vocational courses. Also we provide a diverse and stimulating enrichment programme aimed at developing the whole person and building confidence and those soft skills increasingly in demand from both employers and higher education institutions.

Our Sixth Form offers the same values and ethos as the whole school but with a very different feel as we seek to provide the stepping stone between formal education and next steps into the workplace or higher education.

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There is no doubt that our students are thought of as young adults, but young adults who need support, challenge and direction in helping them achieve their best.

Our success is therefore built on the hard work and dedication of both students and staff, and the quality of the positive working relationships that exist between them.

In essence, our school mission statement encapsulates our intention to do the very best for every Sixth Form student.

I hope you find this prospectus useful and we look forward to welcoming you to the St. Ninian's High School learning community.

OUR ETHOS AIMS & VALUES

Ethos derives from the greek word for 'character'. At St. Ninian's High School the character of all our students is fostered through the development of good habits which reflect our three core values of Respect, Aspiration and Empowerment.



OUR AIMS

- Every student is empowered to take responsibility for their own learning and decision-making
- Every student leaves with clear aspirations for their own future success
- Every student has developed the skills and dispositions to be life-long learners, make a positive contribution to society and be an active and engaged citizen
- Every student shows care and respect for themselves, others, their community and the environment

OUR CORE VALUES

RESPECT:

"Have due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others."

The foundations for success at St. Ninian's High School have always been built on the positive relationships and mutual respect shown between students, staff, parents and governors. Diversity is valued and everyone is also encouraged to respect their school, island and global communities and the environment.

ASPIRE:


"Direct one's hopes or ambitions towards achieving something. All at St. Ninian's High School aspire to be the best they can be."

The school rewards hard work, dedication and progress. Students are also given opportunities to look ahead, plan for the future, and are guided to select the most appropriate pathway to enable them to maximise their success.

EMPOWER:

"Make stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their life, understanding their responsibilities and claiming their rights."

Students are empowered to think for themselves, make decisions and take responsibility for their own learning and future. They are encouraged to think about how they learn best and develop their own skills and strategies to help them learn and grow as people.



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ACADEMIC SUCCESS

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The quality of teaching is excellent with experienced subject specialists delivering internationally recognised A Level and vocational courses in well resourced classrooms and specialist rooms.

SUBJECT CHOICES

- Over 30 different courses to choose from with a mixture of A Level and Applied BTEC
- BTEC Health & Social Care (both Extended Certificate & Diploma)
- Well over half of the Island results for Psychology come from St. Ninian's High School
- A personalised programme to suit the needs of each individual that promotes success

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

The EPQ provides an opportunity for a student to pursue their own academic interests in any chosen topic.

Independent research is undertaken which develops a range of skills as well as providing an opportunity to gain additional UCAS points for an application to university.

Students receive support throughout the qualification, with access to a supervisor who will cover a range of study skills such as research methods, writing techniques and referencing, and is aimed at providing a real experience of university style learning.



PASTORAL SUPPORT

We are extremely proud of the extensive range of pastoral care we offer our Sixth Form students.

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Students are allocated to a tutor group with a Personal Tutor who meets tutees regularly to discuss progress, concerns and to set personal goals for the future. Tutors will also support students in their transition from school to Higher Education, employment and apprenticeships.

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Our dedicated Pastoral Support is a non-teaching member of staff who is available to students to provide individual support plans. Additionally we provide mentoring sessions to students who require specific help in key areas, for example, personal organisation, time management, revision techniques, etc.

- Extensive pastoral care
- An experienced and knowledgeable tutor team
- Non-teaching support staff available to help students
- Individual mentoring programme tailored to a student needs
- Guidance throughout the UCAS process
- Careers advice
- Personal Enrichment Days - Wellbeing and Life Skills



Joining a Sixth Form is not only about academic achievement; we pride ourselves on providing students with a high quality enrichment programme that will allow them to develop as individuals, focusing on transferable skills which students can draw on in the future.

Some of the enrichment opportunities currently offered in Year 12 are:

- Junior Achievement
- Charity Challenge
- Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- Mentoring and Volunteering
- Work Placement
- Sport & Fitness





LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Our Sixth Form students are role models for the younger students in our school and all our Sixth Form students are encouraged to develop their leadership skills through involvement in our Student Leadership Team or participation in our student committees.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Student Leadership Team play a vital role in the decision making process within the Sixth Form. Joining our Student Leadership Team allows students to have many opportunities to develop their character, confidence and creativity as well as further developing their leadership skills. The method for selection is rigorous; students gain a significant experience from the process and if successful, from being part of a dynamic and influential group.

SIXTH FORM COMMITTEES

Joining a Sixth Form Committee allows students to influence and contribute to school and also develop their own personal skills. Students have an opportunity to run their committees in a formal but creative manner.

- Debate
- Extravaganza
- Social & Well-being
- Charity
- Coffee Shop
- Student Voice
- Prom

The Committees are very successful and are immensely proud of the initiatives they have introduced in recent years, especially those that will benefit future students.

SPORTS LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Sports Leadership Award is a great opportunity for our students to learn and demonstrate important life skills, such as effective communication and organisation, whilst learning to lead physical activities with younger people, their peers, older generations and within the community.

The course involves both guided and peer-to-peer learning as well as supervised leadership, to ensure that learners have all the skills they need to lead others.

Students will plan, lead and evaluate sports/physical activity sessions over a number of tutored hours and then demonstrate their leadership skills as part of their assessment.



PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

UCAS - the university process

Most of our Sixth Form students decide to take up the offer of Higher Education and they are given an enormous amount of practical guidance and help from Personal Tutors as well as the Head of Sixth Form in making their choices.

There is an annual Higher Education Visit where, over the course of a week in the UK, a variety of universities are visited, enabling students to judge for themselves which type of institution may best suit their requirements. Students stay in university halls of residence to complete their experience.

There are also opportunities for students to receive guidance from former students, who have been to university and are keen to offer a unique insight.

Employability and Pathways Programme

Some of our students choose to move directly into the world of employment. To support them we have a dedicated Employability Co-ordinator who provides numerous opportunities for students to make contact with local businesses. Students are also able to access the Careers Service in school for interviews and to gain help and advice regarding job searching.

Through our Sixth Form Employability and Pathways programme, we give our students the opportunity to access a wide range of speakers and workshops on a variety of careers and pathways. Seminars are provided on writing a CV, letters of application, preparing for interview and interview skills.

In Year 12 students are given the opportunity to embark on a work placement alongside their academic studies. The work placement allows students to develop their soft skills, enriches their CV and gives them a greater understanding of employment and the overall requirements in their desired career area.

ALUMNI

Many of our Sixth Form students make the successful transition to higher education once they have secured their A Levels. Below demonstrates where some of our alumni are now studying for a degree in their chosen field.



JAPAN

"I chose Durham University because it has a good reputation and career prospects which is important to me for my future. It also has a collegiate system which I believe is beneficial. I chose Economics because I really enjoyed it at A-level and I am enjoying the new opportunities that going to university has provided me!"

Charlotte Harris,
Durham University, Economics

"I chose Liverpool John Moores University as it was close to home and is a great city to both live and study. I selected Criminology and Sociology as I love learning about factors contributing to everyone's actions in society, specifically crime and why people commit them. I am finding the course so interesting and different to anything I have ever learnt before and I am so glad I chose it."

Megan Pilley,
Liverpool John Moores, Criminology and Sociology.

"I chose the University of Tokyo because I wanted to pursue something new and have the opportunity to learn and experience a whole new environment. The best part about the course is the wide range of opportunities presented to me, such as the opportunity to study things I'd never come across before and the chance to join circles and clubs and meet new people."

Michael Bonham,
University of Tokyo, International Program on Japan in East Asia

"I decided to study Computer Science at Lancaster University because I knew it was what I wanted to do long term. Whilst I am enjoying my course, I have also come to realise that university is a fantastic experience for more than just the course. I love the independence and freedom that I gained by making this decision."

Kyle Crellin
Lancaster University, Computer Science

"I'm absolutely loving uni, I'm loving the course I'm on, it's great having people with the same interests as me and it's just very relaxed. Liverpool is great also, there's a lot to do as a student."

Tyrone Gough-Blair
SAE Institute, Liverpool

"At Keele, I study LLB Law which although it is a challenging subject, it is both rewarding and interesting in the current political climate. It has been an amazing experience; meeting new friends and allowing for an independent way of living."

Mark O'Connor
Keele University, LLB Law

"Lancaster is a great city for students because it's so friendly and everything is in walking distance. University of Cumbria is a small and supportive University where everyone can get to know each other."

Cameron Strickett-Morling
University of Cumbria

"As a student at Oxford Brookes you're not just a candidate number; you're a name. Oxford is an amazing student based city that provides a safe and social environment for students to learn. I chose Oxford Brookes after I visited it on the open day in March of 2018. It is a modern University that provides a wide range of new facilities for students."

Theodora Karezi
Oxford Brookes University, LLB Law

"I go to University of Chichester and I do dance to hopefully become a dance therapist. I am really enjoying my course and the university staff are really supportive. I choose to go to a smaller city as I didn't think a busy city life was for me and I am glad for my decision."

Freya Morris
Chichester

"The main reason I chose to study in Sheffield was because of the universities visit I went on with SNHS. I fell in love with the city, as well as the university and I knew it was the perfect fit for me. The reason I chose the course was because throughout school, I had a keen interest in Sport and Business Studies and studying a course which combined them both was a no brainer for me"

Matthew Wilkinson
Sheffield Hallam, Sports Business Management

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY . . .



There are so many things to take into consideration when thinking about University; Oxbridge/Russell Group, long term career prospects, location, entry requirements, cost of living, which is why it is vital that you fully research each choice. It is important that you utilise the UCAS website as well as the official university websites to ensure your course and university choices are right for you. The process of applying to University is one of the most demanding things I've gone through but thankfully, the Sixth Form Team were there every step of the way for all of us, from organising mock interviews, to providing 1-to-1 personal statement feedback so as to make sure everything is correct and completed on time.

Athina Arkoudogiannis

SNHS offers a wide variety of enrichment opportunities such as the Charity Challenge, Sports Leaders Award, Duke of Edinburgh, Mentoring and the Junior Achievement Company Programme. Alongside A Level study, enrichment allows you to build the soft skills required for life beyond Sixth Form. I chose to complete the Junior Achievement Company Programme. During this, I formed a group, took on the various roles of a business and successfully built a multi-award winning company. This experience helped develop my communication skills, teamwork skills as well as adapting to new situations in order to provide a realistic and ideal solution.

Jerry Yao



Tutorial is considered a very important aspect of Sixth Form life; every Monday we have the opportunity to plan our week ahead, especially how we will use our private study time which is extremely useful. Once a week we follow a PSHE programme during tutor time; in these sessions we learn valuable skills that will prepare us, not only for school but for life beyond Sixth Form. We have focused on the importance of sleep schedules, different 'apps' to help avoid distractions during the working day and how to manage stress, which is especially helpful whilst studying for A Levels. We also have enrichment days such as Health and Wellbeing and Life Skills, which are led by a range of outside agencies and are always really relevant.

Charlotte Clay



There are many opportunities to get involved. As a Mental Health Ambassador, I have thoroughly enjoyed hosting the 'Tea and Talk' event for Upper School and I have represented the school at Junior Tynwald, the UN Model Council, Carol Services, the Mannin Line as well as numerous Tynwald events. There are lots of committees get involved with, meaning that everyone has the opportunity to have their say in the running of our Sixth Form. I have been part of the Inclusion and Diversity Committee, allowing me to have my say in what can be improved for marginalised groups. There are lots of other ways to get involved in Sixth Form life, which enable you to build key, transferable skills alongside your studies.

Adam Daugherty



Sixth Form at St Ninian's High School is such a dynamic environment. I really appreciate that we are treated like young adults and given freedom to flourish in our own ways. I have thoroughly enjoyed Sixth Form as I have made new friends and had the opportunity to work with all kinds of people during different lessons and through the various Sixth Form Committees. I have found the Sixth Form Team to be incredibly supportive; they have been able to help with any questions and problems we have as students. Sixth Form has been an amazing experience and it has prepared me for the wider world and higher education.

Emma Shaw





The School Day

The Sixth Form Collaborative Study Room is open daily from 8:00am until 5:00pm and students are welcome to use the facilities during this time. Registration is compulsory for all students and begins promptly at 8:40am. Each day has six periods that are 50 minutes long. Students have in-school private study periods and are expected to use this time effectively.

Pastoral Care

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future. Personal Tutors will also support students in their transition from School into Higher Education, employment and training.

Dress Code

Sixth Form students are trusted role models for our younger students. Demonstrating the highest standards of appearance is part of their leadership responsibility. Sixth Form students have a uniform – details of which can be found on the school website.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance in Sixth Form is expected and is essential if students are to achieve their target outcomes on their chosen courses. Attendance and punctuality is closely monitored throughout the academic year.

Destinations of Students

Most of our Sixth Form students decide to take up the offer of Higher Education and are given an enormous amount of practical guidance and

help from Personal Tutors as well as the Head of Sixth Form, in making their choices. In addition to an up-to-date library of Higher Education Prospectuses, Directories and other Higher Education Subject Specific Publications, students are given step-by-step guidance on university applications through UCAS. There is an annual Higher Education visit where, over the course of a week in the UK, a variety of universities are visited; enabling students to judge for themselves which type of Institution may best suit their requirements. Students stay in university halls of residence to complete their experience! Alternatively, some of our students do choose to move directly into the world of employment. In this case, we have a dedicated Employability Co-ordinator who provides numerous opportunities for students to make contact with local businesses. Students are also able to make use of the Careers Service in gaining help and advice regarding job searching and applications.



"The Extended Project Qualification is a great opportunity for those who prefer independent study, especially if there is a subject or topic that you are passionate about which isn't covered in the curriculum. I have really enjoyed learning more about biomechanics and AI for my project as it is something that will help me get into my top choice university and ultimately, something I would like to pursue long term."



"Before selecting my A Level choices, I researched and considered the subjects required or recommended for particular university courses that interested me. If you are at all unsure of your anticipated career path, then select subjects that you find most interesting. You are then more likely to enjoy your endeavours and have a more fulfilling and pleasurable experience in our Sixth Form."





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