



St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are writing to share details of a very special upcoming event: the official opening of the rebranded NSC raceway, which will be attended by Sir Mark Cavendish himself! This exciting event will take place on Friday 27th June, starting at 10.15am and concluding by midday. The opening will feature the unveiling of new artwork incorporating pupil names from a recent project, an appearance by Sir Mark, and even a celebratory cycle.

School Participation & Recommendation

Due to significant operational constraints, particularly concerning the safe transportation and supervision of bicycles for a large group, St. Ninian's is not in a position to organise a whole school or large group trip to this event.

However, we recognise this is a fantastic opportunity, especially for keen cyclists or avid fans of Sir Mark Cavendish. Therefore, we are suggesting that parents whose children fall into these categories, and who wish for them to attend, consider applying for a leave of absence from school for their child on the morning of Friday 27th June. If you choose this option, your child will attend the event under your direct parental supervision.

The event organisers are inviting school pupils who can confidently ride a bicycle without stabilisers, to take part in an opening ride with Sir Mark. If your child meets these criteria and wants to attend:

- Helmets are mandatory.
- Parents wishing for their child to participate on a bike will be responsible for transporting them and their bike to Douglas Rugby Club (Peel Road Car Park) between 9.00 am and 10.15 am.
- Following the event, children on bikes must be collected by parents from The Bowl Car Park by 12.00 noon.
- Please be aware the event will be filmed and photographed, and parental consent for this will be assumed if your child participates.

This promises to be an inspiring occasion, and while the school cannot facilitate mass attendance, we support families who wish to experience this unique event directly. If you plan for your child to attend under your supervision, please follow the usual procedure for requesting a leave of absence by emailing SNHSStudentabsences@sch.im.

Yours faithfully

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