



St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

Scoill Ard Noo Ninian

Our Ref: JWH/LK/Year 7

23rd September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 7 Success into Secondary Evening – Tuesday 30th September 2025

Our new year 7 students have made an excellent start to their time at St. Ninian's and we are delighted at how well they have settled in and adapted to new routines. This has only been possible because of the support they have had from you at home, and we are keen to continue to develop our partnership with you.

With this in mind, we would like to invite you to attend our 'Success into Secondary' event from **3:30pm on Tuesday 30th September 2025**. There will be an opportunity for you to meet key staff on our Lower School site and understand their roles, which we hope will help you feel comfortable in contacting the right person should you have any questions or concerns at any time. We will also be running a series of short workshops to support parental understanding of the systems and processes in secondary school as well as understanding the risks and challenges of growing up in a digital world.

A list of the workshops is below:

- **E-Praise and how it can be used by students and parents** – a practical workshop demonstrating how to access and use E-Praise, bring your mobile phone or use a school device for this session.
- **Helping students to be ready to learn** – navigating the expectations of secondary school and how you can help your child to be prepared each day
- **Assessment, progress and reports** – understanding what assessments will take place, what they mean and how they are reported to parents
- **Supporting students in an online world** – practical tips to help you to help your child manage screen time, mobile phones and navigate social media, please bring your mobile phone.
- **Understanding the (almost) teenage brain** – sharing information for parents around brain development and how this can impact children's moods and behaviours now and into the teenage years
- **Support for students at St. Ninian's** – what kind of support is available throughout your child's time at school, how to access it and who to talk to
- **Teams Classrooms and independent learning** (homework) – a practical workshop demonstrating how Teams Classrooms are used to support learning in the classroom and at home

The event will begin with refreshments served in the main hall, followed by a short talk and introductions to key staff starting at 3:30pm. Workshops will then take place over 20 minute sessions and you are welcome to select up to 4 workshops to attend throughout the evening. Whilst students are able to attend the evening with you if required, the workshops will be specifically aimed at parents and guardians and we will have limited capacity in each workshop.

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Booking is completed via E-praise. Please login and select 'activities' under the 'community' tab at the top. All the sessions are prefixed by "SIS" (Success into Secondary), so type SIS in the search box and press go, to bring up all the sessions.

Session 1 at 4pm

Session 2 at 4:25pm

Session 3 at 4:50pm

Session 4 at 5:15pm

If you have any issues trying to book your sessions, please do contact the school office who should be able to help you or make your booking for you. The booking system will be live from 3pm on Tuesday 23rd September and will close at 9am on Tuesday 30th September.

We look forward to welcoming you all next Tuesday.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J White'.

Miss J White

Deputy Head Teacher