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Education is a
journey that we
will take together.

Welcome



A warm welcome from the Head of Lower School

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the community of St. Ninian's High School as your child begins their secondary school journey. We are

proud to see our Lower School site being utilised by our partner primary schools to host events and we welcome primary staff and students on a regular basis for a range of transition activities.

When your child joins us at St. Ninian's High School, we aim to provide them with an environment where they can flourish academically, physically and socially. We want

each student to become confident and respectful learners by providing them with opportunities to develop the skills and qualities they require in the future. We can only achieve this if we work together with parents and students as a team. To nurture successful students, education has to be a partnership and as such we are very much looking forward to working with you over the coming years.

If you have any questions or concerns about transition or out of catchment places, please do have a look at our website. If you can still not find what you are looking for then please do contact me via the School Office.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J White".

Miss J White
Deputy Head Teacher



Important information

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.15 am	School site opens
8.40 am	Registration / Tutorial
9.10 am	Lesson 1
10.00 am	Lesson 2
10.50 am	MORNING BREAK
11.10 am	Lesson 3
12 Noon	Lesson 4
12.50 pm	LUNCH
1.45 pm	Lesson 5
2.35 pm	Lesson 6
3.25 pm	End of School Day

Lunchtime Arrangements

There is a self-service canteen in both Upper and Lower School where a wide range of excellent food is available. Students may bring their own lunch from home but must eat it in the dining room. Payment for food and drinks in the dining room is made via pre-paid cards. These must be loaded with cash on one of the machines in the school entrance hall or using our online payment service. Students will be issued with a lunch card when they arrive at the school. It is their responsibility to ensure that there is enough money on the card to pay for their meals. Students entitled to free school meals will have their cards automatically credited with their daily allowance. They can choose to top up their cards with additional cash if required. During breaks and lunchtimes, students at Lower School should remain on site.

Attendance & Absence

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please telephone the School Office at the earliest opportunity. The Office is open from 8am each day. Please email or send in an absence letter if you wish to inform us in advance of any planned absence. Form tutors and heads of year routinely challenge any student who may have below average attendance. Students with attendance below 80% may be referred to the Education Welfare Officer for additional support. There is a clear link between attendance and attainment and we would ask for parents to support the need for good attendance and punctuality at school.

Bus Information

Students who travel to school on the bus will require a 'Go Card' (SCH2) to do so. These are available from the Welcome Centre in Douglas or online via the Isle of Man Transport website. As the safety of our students is a priority, St. Ninian's High School operates a partnership agreement with Bus Vannin and the Isle of Man Constabulary to help to monitor and deal with poor behaviour on the school buses. Use of school transport may be withdrawn for a period of time if a student is involved in repeated incidents of poor behaviour whilst travelling on the bus.



School uniform

Clothing

- White shirt or blouse with shirt collar and school tie
- GREY or BLACK tailored full length trousers, (no skinny fit, flares, denim, leggings, slits or studs) or a pleated skirt of appropriate length, (short, tight skirts are not appropriate for school)
- Or grey or black tailored shorts
- BLACK blazer with school logo
- Grey V-neck jumper with school logo (optional with blazer - not instead of a blazer)
- Plain black, grey or white socks, plain black, grey or flesh coloured tights
- Plain black footwear (no coloured logos, flashes, laces, tabs, ankle straps, metal or coloured trimmings)

Hair

Hairstyles should not be extreme. Hair may be coloured in natural shades/tones but no creative block or contrasting/vivid colours. If in doubt, please contact the school in advance. Hair accessories must be discreet.

Jewellery

Ideally no jewellery will be worn, but is limited to:

- A watch, Fitbit or similar
- A pair of plain stud earrings
- A ring
- A single fine plain neck-chain
- A single fine plain bracelet

Whilst ears may be pierced and appropriate studs worn, studs or rings elsewhere on the body constitute a health and safety risk and should not be worn. Students are expected to remove any jewellery during activities when it might constitute a risk to the health and safety of a student, member of staff or school guest.

Makeup

Minimal and natural looking makeup is allowed, but not encouraged.

Nail Polish

Only clear colourless nail polish may be worn. Acrylic false nails or reinforced nail polish (gel, shellac or similar finishes) are not allowed.

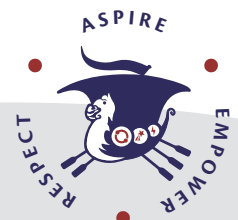
Games/P.E. Kit

All items must be a change from school uniform

- Short sleeved plain red t-shirt or polo shirt
- School red/blue games top (football/rugby)
- Plain red hooded top (outdoor)
- Plain royal blue shorts or plain royal blue skort
- Short white socks (PE)
- Long royal blue socks (Games)
- Clean training shoes
- Astro shoes or moulded boots
- Towel

The only items of school uniform that must have the school badge/logo are the school blazer and the jumper. Blazer badges and ties can be purchased from the School Offices. School logo on Games/PE kit is optional.

All uniform and Games/PE kit can be purchased locally from Promenade Shirts, Queens Promenade, Douglas



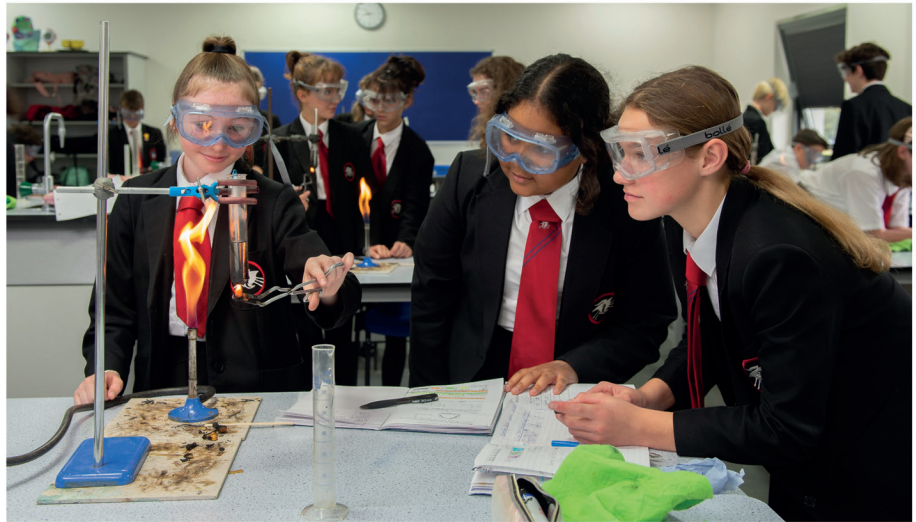
Curriculum

St. Ninian's offers a wide range of subjects at Lower School. Most Year 7 and 8 students will study all of the following:

- Art
- Computing
- Core Skills
- Drama
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Science
- Spanish
- Technology

You can find additional information about topics covered within the Key Stage 3 curriculum on the school website.

There are also many extra-curricular clubs and activities that students can get involved in at lunchtimes and after school. Information about extra-curricular activities is published to students in the weekly bulletin.



Support for students

Structure

The following structure illustrates the management and pastoral leadership within the Lower School.

Head Teacher: Mr C. Coole

Deputy Head Teacher with responsibility for Lower School: Miss J. White

Assistant Head Teachers: Mr K. Smith, Mrs R. Withington

Heads of Year: Mr J. Cretney, Miss R. White, Mr S. Makins

Pastoral Care

At St. Ninian's High School there is a strong pastoral and curriculum support system. Students have a form tutor and head of year who they should talk to if they have any worries or concerns.

Communication is key to timely and effectively supporting students. We therefore encourage parents to contact the form tutor in the first instance if they have any questions or concerns regarding their child.

The school is fully committed to supporting and helping students achieve success. Parents play a key role in this process by monitoring and ensuring home learning is completed on time.

Student Support

As part of our pastoral team committed to pupil wellbeing, there are two non-teaching student support staff permanently on site. At Lower School the Student Support Office is located opposite the main entrance and provides a point of contact for students throughout the school day.

The student support staff help students manage any concerns that may arise and offer a variety of opportunities for students to reflect upon their varying experiences.

The Progress Zone

St. Ninian's High School is committed to the inclusion of all students with additional and complex educational needs and disabilities in the full life of school, with equal access to a broad and balanced curriculum.

The Progress Zone (PZ) works collaboratively with all teachers and staff, together with co-ordinated support from all our outside agencies', to ensure that all students with additional and complex educational needs and disabilities have timely access to the appropriate support they require. The Progress Zone uses a graduated response (Assess, Plan, Do, Review) for identifying and managing all students with additional and complex learning needs.

Tutor Group Structure

From experience we have found that the most effective and cohesive tutor groups are created when a diverse mix of students are brought together. As friendships readily change when students from different schools meet, we do not prioritise previous friendships when putting tutor groups together. Students within our groups are an even mix of gender, ability and primary school. In the selection process we aim to put learning relationships at the heart of our decision-making. Students are encouraged to meet old friends and make new ones during social times. As students are set and mixed across teaching bands, the time spent in tutor groups is limited and opportunities for making new friends plentiful.





School Holiday Dates for the Academic Years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023

	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
In-service Days Closed to pupils	<i>Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 September 2020</i>	<i>Monday 6 & Tuesday 7 September 2021</i>	<i>Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 September</i>
Open to pupils	Wednesday 9 September 2020	Wednesday 8 September 2021	Wednesday 7 September 2022
Half Term	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022
Close for Christmas	Friday 18 December 2020	Friday 17 December 2021	Friday 23 December 2022
Open to pupils	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Monday 9 January 2023
Half Term	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2021 <i>Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilighted</i>	Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February 2022 <i>Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilighted</i>	Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2023 <i>Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilighted</i>
Close for Easter	Friday 26 March 2021	Friday 8 April 2022	Thursday 6 April 2023
Open to pupils	Monday 12 April 2021	Monday 25 April 2022	Monday 24 April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2021	Monday 2 May 2022	Monday 1 May 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2021	Thursday 2 June Friday 3 June (Platinum Jubilee)	Monday 29 May 2023
In-service Day Closed to pupils	<i>Friday 4 June 2021</i>	<i>Wednesday 1 June 2022</i>	<i>Friday 2 June 2023</i>
Half Term (TT)	Monday 7 June to Friday 11 June 2021	Monday 6 June to Friday 10 June 2022	Monday 5 June to Friday 9 June 2023
Tynwald Day	Monday 5 July 2021	Tuesday 5 July 2022	Wednesday 5 July 2023
Close for Summer	Friday 23 July 2021	Friday 22 July 2022	Friday 21 July 2023

- In respect of Southern Schools, there may be a deviation in the holiday dates to accommodate the Southern 100 in July.



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DEPUTY HEAD TEACHERS Miss J. White Mr A. N. Smith

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