

# St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School

S3-5 Parent course choice presentation - February 2019

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## The vision of the school

St Thomas of Aquin's Roman Catholic High School is a learning community which ensures a safe, supportive and enjoyable environment where pupils, staff, and parents are inspired and motivated to work hard for one another to fulfil the God-given potential of all pupils.

Self-Discipline

Teamwork

Trust

High expectations

Openness

Mutual Respect

Achieving excellence

Success

In many ways, the school's curriculum model articulates the above principles:

## The 2017-18 attainment at St Thomas' is Very Good

Go to [www.st-thomas-of-aquins.org.uk/about/achievements/](http://www.st-thomas-of-aquins.org.uk/about/achievements/) for a detailed 2017-18 summary

- ▶ The attainment table provides the percentage of pupils achieving National Qualifications in **S4, S5, & S6** at St Thomas' over the last 3 years.
- ▶ The percentages of all year groups and levels are always based on the number of pupils who sit their first National Qualifications in **S4**.

2017-18 SQA results	St T of A	St T of A	St T of A	City of Edinburgh Average
	2016	2017	2018	2018
St Thomas' pupils at the end of S4				
Pupils gaining 5+ National 5 exams passes	53% (No of S4 pupils = 129)	60% (No of S4 pupils = 134)	58% (No of S4 pupils = 128)	41%
St Thomas' pupils at the end of S5				
Pupils gaining 5 Higher exam passes	40%	28% (No of S4 pupils = 129)	37% (No of S4 pupils = 134)	22%
St Thomas' pupils By the end of S6				
Pupils gaining 1 Advanced Higher exam pass	40%	48%	37% (No of S4 pupils = 129)	26%

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## Curriculum 33 period week Model: Senior Phase

- ▶ The school's curriculum model has a distinct Broad General Education (S1-S3) and Senior Phase (S4-6) which has been fully implemented in session 2018-19.
- ▶ In **S1** and **S2** pupils experience up to **19 subjects**.
- ▶ In **S3** pupils have chosen **13 subjects** in a breadth of curricular areas.
- ▶ In **S4** pupils will study **7 National Qualification subjects**.
- ▶ In **S5** pupils will study **5 National Qualification subjects**.
- ▶ In **S6** pupils will study **at least 4 subjects**; if pupils are studying **3 Advanced Highers** they can opt to only study **3 subjects** - all other S6 pupils must study **4 subjects**.

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## Curriculum 33 period week Model: S4

In S4 pupils will embark on their National Qualifications progressing from their curriculum for excellence levels. Pupil Support Leaders will liaise with pupils and parents regarding subjects and courses on offer.

At the end of S3, each subject area has built up a body of evidence showing the learning of each pupil and is able to provide clear guidance on the level of study for almost every pupil in S4.

Tracking reports, full reports and parents' evenings provide a very good basis for where the school will judge what level your child is aiming for in the 7 subjects they have chosen.

After the January prelims St Thomas' communicates with a pupil/parent who may not be coping with their National 5 or National 4 qualifications.

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## Curriculum 33 period week Model: S5-6

In S5 and S6 pupils can be placed at college for a number of different subjects and courses. Pupil Support Leaders will liaise with pupils regarding the types of subjects and courses on offer.

In consultation with a pupil's Pupil Support Leader, S6 pupils can opt for a work experience or act as a subject mentor as a 5th subject.

The same process of Tracking reports, full reports and parents' evenings providing what level your child is aiming for in the 5 or 4 subjects will continue

After the January prelims St Thomas' communicates with a pupil/parent who may not be coping with their Advanced Higher, Higher, National 5 or National 4 qualifications.

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## Curriculum 33 period week Model: Senior Phase

### Progression for National Qualifications:

- ▶ If a pupil passes at a National 4 course, the next progression level should be National 5 level.
- ▶ A pupil passing a National 5 course should be sitting a Higher qualification as the next progression level.
- ▶ Pupils considering taking Advanced Highers should consult with their PSLs and the CL of the curricular area.

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## S4 Curriculum course choice sheet 2019-20

S4 Curriculum	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G	Columns I, J,K
33 Periods	4	4	4	4	4 (1 dbl 2 sgl)	4	4	5
	English	Maths	Geography	Biology	Art & Design	Computing Science	Chemistry	Religious Education (2)*
			History	Chemistry	Music	Design and Make	Art & Design	Physical Education (2)
			Modern Studies	Physics	Music Technology	French	Modern Studies*	Pers. & Social Education (1)
			Business Management	Environmental Science	Spanish	Biology	Graphic Communication	
			Hospitality	Physical Education	French	Physics	Drama	
				Dance	Hospitality	Business Management	Computing Science	
					Physical Education			



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## S5 & S6 Curriculum course choice sheet 2019-20

S5/6	Column A	Column B	Column C (Travel)	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G
<b>Subject Levels</b>	<b>6 lessons</b>	<b>6 lessons</b>	<b>6 lessons</b>	<b>6 lessons</b>	<b>6 lessons</b>	<b>2 lessons</b>	<b>1 lesson</b>
<b>Adv. Higher</b>	History Geography Physics	Biology	Music Computing Science Physical Education English	Maths French	Chemistry Art & Design Spanish Modern Studies	<b>Core RE</b>	<b>Core PSE/PE</b>
<b>Higher</b>	History Geography Business Management Physics Maths Physical Education Sports Leadership	Biology Human Biology Chemistry Physics English Religious Education	Music English Computing Science Physical Education Art & Design Music Technology	Maths French Computing Science Design & Manufacturing Business Management Drama	Chemistry Art & Design Modern Studies Spanish Graphic Communication Biology		
<b>National 5 National 4</b>	History Geography Business Management Physics Maths Numeracy Physical Education Sports Leadership	Biology Chemistry Physics English English Lifeskills	Music English (No N5 Computing) Physical Education Dance Art & Design Music Technology	Maths (No N5 French) Computing Science Design & Manufacturing Hospitality Business Management Drama	Chemistry Art & Design Modern Studies Spanish Graphic Communication Biology Travel and Tourism		
	S6 work experience S6 Volunteering	S6 work experience S6 Volunteering	S6 WE & Volunteering	S6 work experience S6 Volunteering	S6 work experience S6 Volunteering		
			College Neighbourhood school				

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## Senior Phase coursing timeline

<b>January 4th week</b> (S2 P&C in PSE completed)	<b>S3 personalisation &amp; choice completed</b> (S2 pupils)	CLs and PSLs	Lists input into seemis
<b>February 1st week</b> (S4 P&C starts)	2 week S4 coursing window (S3 pupils)	PSLs	CLs to support oversubscribed courses through coursing rationale
<b>February 3rd week</b> (S4 P&C completed)	<b>S4 options completed</b> (S3 pupils)	PSLs	Lists input into Seemis
<b>March 1st week</b> (S5-6 P&C starts)	2 week S5-6 coursing window	PSLs	CLs to support oversubscribed courses through coursing rationale
<b>March 3rd week</b> (S5-6 P7C completed)	<b>S5-S6 options completed</b> (S4-5 pupils)	PSLs	Lists input into Seemis
<b>April 1st week</b>	CLs to look at class lists and identify rationale for over-subscribed classes. Liaise with DHT and PSLs	CLs	Rationale for oversubscribed classes
<b>April 2nd week</b>	S6-S3 TT completed	P Greene	Draft S6-3 out to CLs/PSLs
<b>April 4th week</b>	Timetable completed	P Greene	Timetable out to CLs/PSLs