



# Taylor High School

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## **SCHOOL PROFILE**

Opened in 1982, Taylor High is a six-year co-educational Catholic comprehensive school with a maximum capacity of around 950. It has many attractive facilities including seven computer suites, a range of well-resourced classrooms, a central cafeteria/social area, a spacious games hall with separate gym and fitness suite, a well-furnished library/resource centre, and a well-equipped theatre with seating for 250. The school has a state-of-the-art recording studio and a fully equipped design studio which the pupils benefit greatly from. The school roll is currently around 960 which reflects the growing number of families that are coming to the area.

The school serves the educational needs of Carfin, Cleland, Holytown, Jerviston, Newarthill and New Stevenston. Taylor High School has excellent relationships with its associated primary schools of Christ the King in Holytown, Our Lady & St Francis in Carfin, St Mary's in Cleland, St Patrick's in New Stevenston and St Teresa's in Newarthill.

## **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

Our school is named after Monsignor Thomas Taylor who was a local parish priest for almost 50 years and who, in 1922, founded the world-famous Carfin Lourdes Grotto. This is an indication of the rich faith tradition of the local communities that we service. As a Catholic School, our commitment to realising and expressing Gospel Values in action is at the core of our work and aspirations. Our spiritual wellbeing and development are supported through the work of our Chaplain, Fr. Kevin Lawrie who celebrates the sacraments regularly throughout the school year. We have adopted as our motto the prayer of our patron Monsignor Thomas Taylor which he offered up in 1897, the year of his ordination to the priesthood.

**“Que tout soit pour Dieu”**  
*“May all things be for God”*

## **STAFFING**

Our school has a staffing complement of around 65FTE. The Senior Leadership Team consists of the Head Teacher and 3 Depute Head Teachers. The Extended Leadership Team consists of 5 Principal Teachers of Pupil Support organised in a horizontal system, 1 Principal Teacher of Support for Learning, 5 Curriculum Faculty Heads and 4 Curriculum Principal Teachers.

## **VISION**

As a community of faith and learning, we seek a partnership among all staff, parents and pupils in order to offer an education of the highest quality.

In particular, we are determined to:

- promote Gospel values
- encourage spiritual growth in pupils
- develop a caring, Christian ethos
- foster a strong sense of community
- promote positive relationships and behaviour
- ensure high quality learning and teaching
- develop pupils' knowledge, skills and abilities
- ensure equal opportunities for all
- develop staff of the highest quality
- implement clear school policies and plans

## **CURRICULUM**

Pupils in S1/2 follow a broad learning experience through 12 subjects across all curricular areas. Our Immersion Curriculum in S3 allows for greater personalisation and choice as pupils focus their learning in 9 subjects before selecting the 7 subjects they study in greater depth towards National Qualifications. S5/6 pupils enjoy choice to study 5 subjects each year in line with the Local Authority's arrangements for consortium learning.

We follow a 32-period week with pupils supported to engage in a wider range of enrichment opportunities in our Future Fridays Programme.

## **ETHOS**

Staff are rightly proud of the caring, welcoming, friendly and purposeful ethos which symbolises the school. It is frequently and favourably commented upon by visitors and demonstrates the school's Christian Catholic identity in a strongly positive light. The commitment and dedication of our staff team for the learning, development and positive outcomes of our young people is the driving force of our school ethos.

## **PARENTS**

We place the highest importance in on the partnership we enjoy with our parents. We have very good relationships with our parent forum and have a newly refreshed Parent Council who are working close to develop parental partnership activities.

Further information can be found at:

Website: [Taylor High School \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Taylor High School (glowscotland.org.uk))

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TaylorHS1982>