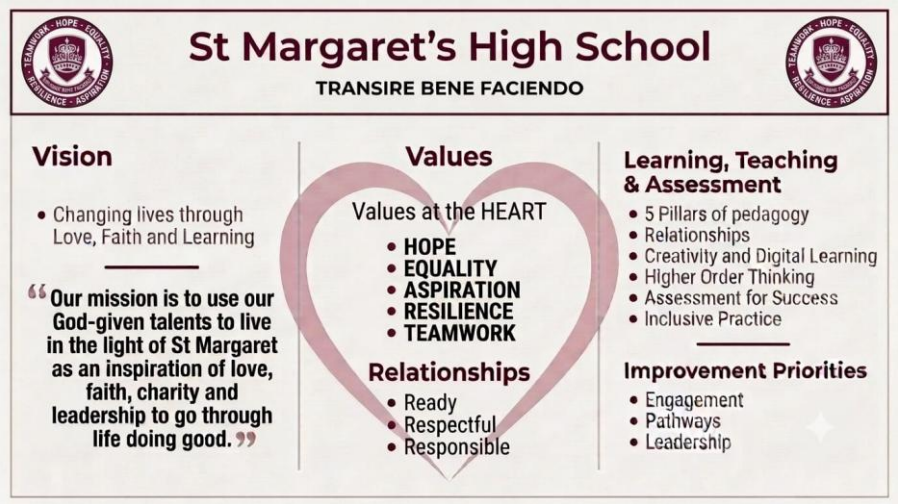
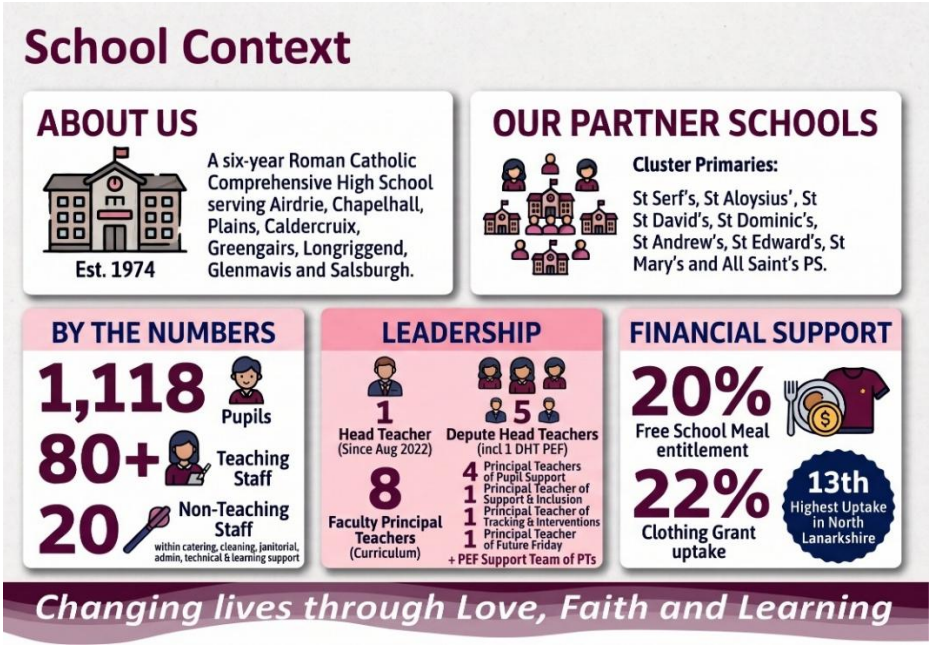
St Margaret's High School

School Profile



Context

St Margaret's RC High School is a six year Catholic comprehensive and co-educational school serving Airdrie, Chapelhall, Plains, Caldercruix, Greengairs, Longriggend, Glenmavis and Salsburgh. St Margaret's was first opened in 1864. The school developed into a large Secondary school situated between Drumbathie Road and Waverley Drive.



St Margaret's demonstrates a Catholic Christian ethos, with respectful and polite pupils and caring staff. It is a community in which staff, pupils, families work in partnership to provide an education of the highest quality for all of our pupils. The school works hard to promote positive and active partnerships across the wider community which is reflected in the work with partner Primary Schools and other Secondary Schools.

The Free School Meal entitlement is approximately 20% with the clothing grant update approximately 22%. Within North Lanarkshire, St Margaret's has the 4th highest deprivation with approximately 44% of pupils living in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation deciles 1 and 2.

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Our Story



Partnership

St Margaret's High School has established strong links with parents/carers. Parent/carers receive regular updates through the school SWAY Update e-newsletter, including a focus on sharing the wider achievements of our young people. The Parent Council is very active and supports the work of the school in an advisory capacity. Regular meetings and information evening sessions help parents to familiarise themselves with the curriculum, tracking and monitoring progress, and school improvement priorities. The school website carries school policies, and our Instagram channel shares events within the school.

In St Margaret's the important role which parents play in the education of their children is fully recognised and parents are actively encouraged to communicate with the school. Throughout the year there are Parents' Evenings at which the progress of your child can be discussed with both Pupil Support and subject staff.

St Margaret's High school is committed to strengthening partnerships with the community and partners. The transition programme with partner primary schools is particularly strong. The partner primary schools are St Serf's, St Aloysius, St David's, St Dominic's, St Andrew's, St Edward's, St Mary's and All St's Primary Schools. A full programme runs continuously throughout the year with staff and pupils from all the primary schools. Events supporting transition include an information evening in the autumn term, a P7 Retreat in February, and a three-day Transition visit in June. Considerable care is taken to transfer curriculum, pastoral and additional support needs information between Primary school and St Margaret's.

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Learning Campus



The current building was officially opened in 1974. The school is based on a single site. The main teaching block is on five floors and includes a lift for pupils who have difficulties using the stairs. This block also houses the administration area. On the ground floor of the main block is the concourse, a large social area for pupils.



The campus meets the needs of a modern Secondary school and, in addition to well-equipped classrooms, incorporates an Oratory, ICT suites, an integrated support hub including nurture and inclusion areas, an assembly hall, a games hall, three gymnasia and specialised areas for art, business, science, food technology and music.

Sports facilities include a 3G sports pitch. There are no school playing fields. Adjacent to the school is a sports and leisure complex with running track, astro-turf football pitch and other sports facilities which are used by the school by arrangement with North Lanarkshire Council.



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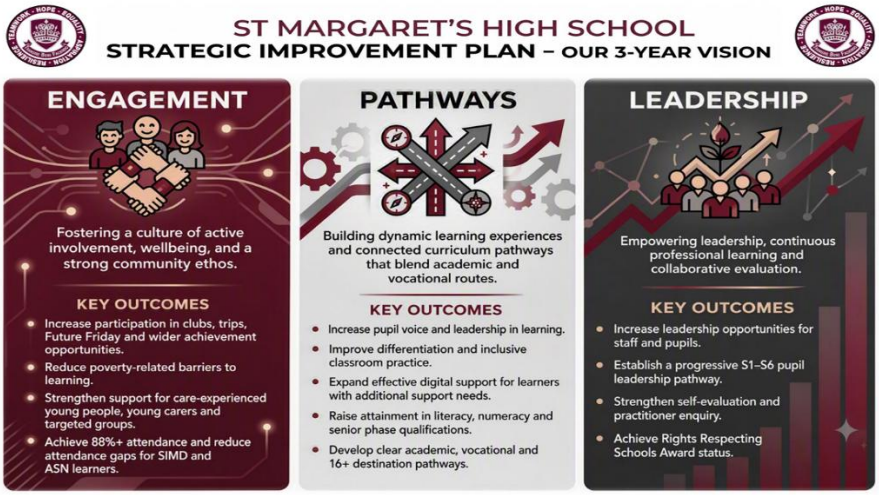
Curriculum

The school provides a broad curriculum based on Scotland's national Curriculum for Excellence. Staff engage in high level professional and personal development opportunities to implement this curriculum.

Student leadership is encouraged through membership of a variety of committees, the pupil council, and our Leadership and school ambassador programme.

There are many extra-curricular activities available to students, including the following: athletics, netball, skiing, basketball and football. PE facilities are available to students at lunchtime and at the end of the school day allowing them to develop individual skills and enhance personal fitness. Almost all faculties offer lunchtime and after school opportunities for young people.

Charity fund-raising is an integral part of the school in the promotion of Catholic values and putting our faith in action. Our main charity partners are St Andrew's Hospice, our international partnership in Malawi, and SCIAF.



Faith & Values

The school is committed to the Charter for Catholic Schools, and all pupils are encouraged to develop the values, attitudes and practices that are consistent with the invitation to faith. The Caritas programme is a key feature of school life and is well supported by pupils, parents, staff and our local Parishes.

