



St Mungo's RC High School



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Standards and Quality Report 2008 -2009

Your thoughts are very important to us.

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2	Is the report easy to understand?		
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5	Is there any information which you think we should include for next year? If so, please give details.		

SQA Results 2009

S4 SQA Pre-Appeal Results 2009 (%)

	5 or more Foundation passes	5 or more General passes	5 or more Credit passes
St Mungo's	91 (91)	76 (76)	40 (37)
Falkirk Council	91 (89)	77 (72)	35 (33)
National	91 (91)	77 (76)	35 (34)

Figures in brackets are for 2008

S5 SQA Pre-Appeal Results (%)

	1 or more Highers	3 or more Highers	5 or more Highers
St Mungo's	43 (44)	24 (24)	10 (11)
Falkirk Council	39 (37)	20 (19)	8 (7)
National	40 (39)	23 (22)	10 (10)

Figures in brackets are for 2008

S6 SQA Pre-Appeal Results (%)

	1 or more Highers	3+ Higher	5+ Higher	1+ Advanced Higher
St Mungo's	53 (40)	39 (29)	26 (18)	14 (11)
Falkirk Council	43 (39)	29 (26)	17 (15)	10 (11)
National	44 (43)	31 (30)	20 (20)	13 (13)

Figures in brackets are for 2008

Rector's Introduction

I am delighted to provide you with the 2008-2009 Standards and Quality Report for St Mungo's RC High School.

In this report I will provide information on the progress our school is making and the achievements and successes of the last academic session.



St Mungo's High School shares the aims contained within Falkirk Council's Learning to Achieve Policy and in the vision of the Education Department. We seek to provide learning experiences which will encourage our pupils to achieve their full potential; be rewarding and challenging, and which encourage all pupils to contribute positively to the school and the wider community.

As a Catholic School our school motto is "Let Christ Shine Through You". This means we are committed to the education of the whole person - spiritual, intellectual, social, moral and physical. We are a faith community which develops a culture of high expectation whilst recognising the achievements of all; encourages a safe and happy atmosphere; develops a caring Catholic community in partnership with the home and parish and provides as many opportunities as possible to prepare children for adult life.

God Bless

Stephen Phee
Rector

Important Information about the school

(a) School Roll

- For session 2008/2009 the school had a school roll of 1,225 pupils. Almost 90% came from our associate Primary Schools:

St Andrew's
St Mary's

St Francis
Sacred Heart

St Joseph's

The additional pupils joined us at the request of their parents from other primary schools.

(b) Our New School

- During session 2008/09 the building work proceeded as planned and the door to the new school opened to pupils on 22nd June.
- Our new school has many wonderful facilities including a swimming pool, dance studio, amphitheatre and astro-turf pitch. However, the most important feature is an inter-active whiteboard and projector in every classroom. This was achieved by sound financial management and a commitment to providing the highest quality of learning and teaching possible.
- During June Canon Leo blessed the Oratory and the School. The service was broadcast across the school.



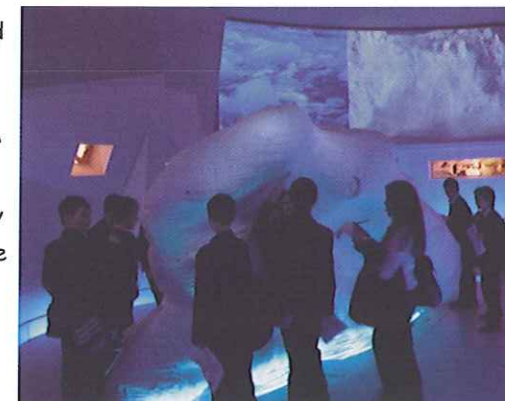
- Former pupils and former staff had the opportunity to visit the old school and take a trip down memory lane before the doors closed for the last time. We were delighted that the crucifixes that had been in the building for decades were taken away as a memento.

was to help pupils develop skills appropriate to engineering and science to create a positive image of Engineering and Science.

- St Mungo's High School pupils won the Heriott Watt Robotics Challenge and a Formula 1 Challenge
- There was a fifty-one percent increase in the number of pupils taking part in Work Experience from the previous session.
- The Engineering Construction Industry Training Board visited the school to provide information for pupils on recruitment to various apprenticeships.
- Fifth and sixth year pupils took part in a science conference and heard many inspirational speakers and took part in workshops designed to generate interest in a career in science.
- Every First Year pupil was involved in Science Week. Pupils had the opportunity to work with the Institute of Physics, the Institute of Civil Engineers, the Red Cross and the Global Science team.



Pupils became scientists and engineers to help Honduras which had been hit by a Hurricane. Pupils took over Dynamic Earth for a day to carry out research that may assist areas affected by the disaster.



Effective Contributors

- A group of pupils worked with Glasgow University to manufacture and design a fragrance for the opposite sex. Pupils had to design the packaging, the fragrance and the advertising that will be associated with the final fragrance. Dr Rudi Marquez from Chemistry Department at Glasgow University came into school to deliver a science lesson to pupils about how fragrances are formed.



- Over 56% of our pupils who left in the summer of 2009 went to college or university. Almost 30% went into employment.
- Thirty S4-6 pupils took part in the College "4 U event". This event was run in conjunction with Careers Scotland and Forth Valley College.
- Senior pupils received seminars on preparing for interviews, how to complete CVs and application forms.
- Thirty one pupils and 3 teachers headed off to Disneyland Resort, Paris during March. The purpose of the trip was to attend the Business Studies Conference held in the IMAX cinema complex.

- 'Engender', St Mungo's "Formula 1 Team" competed in the Scottish Regional Finals recently. They competed with 18 other teams from across Scotland. 'Encender' won the KPH Best Team Sponsorship and Marketing Award.

Our race car covered 20 metres in less than 1 second!



- All year groups experience an Enterprise day. The S2 Enterprise Day involved Workshops provided by SETPOINT Scotland, GO4SET, Institute of Civil Engineers and Construction Skills Scotland. The theme of the day

(b) Working with Parents

- We have a very active Parent Council. Meetings took place regularly throughout the session. A number of presentations were made by teaching staff on life in the school and a full agenda allowed parents to enquire, support, challenge and influence the working of the school.
- We improved communication with parents via the school website. There were regular up-dates for parents and new sections were added. These included Duke of Edinburgh, Newsletters, and Mass times in local parishes.
- The PTA met regularly and continued to support the school and raise money to support the new school.
- Over the course of the session we offered a number of Parents Seminars for each year group:

Year	Topics
P7	Life in the senior school, expectations
S1	Formative Assessment, Planners and homework
S2	Course Choice and early presentation
S3	Progress of pupils and CAT Testing
S4	Supporting your child through exams
S5/S6	UCAS, Course Choice and Study Skills

Below are some of the comments made by parents:

"confident in the school"

"right now I feel in a hurry to get home to check the Planner"

"I feel well informed" "very satisfied my children go to such a great school"

"glad I attended the seminar"

"I need to check my daughter's planner every week"

"proud of the school's efforts"

"Pleased my son is at St Mungo's"

"I like the idea of homework on the website"

Faith in Action

First and foremost, what we are is a faith school. What we believe in are Gospel values. Our primary objective is to serve the Catholic community of Falkirk, to nurture and develop the full potential of all our young people.

- Our new First years were welcomed with a Mass which they celebrated with our new sixth year. House Masses were also held throughout the year on the appropriate feast day.

- A large group of sixth year pupils undertook a residential retreat at the Gillis Centre to reflect on their lives, talents and gifts as well as how they could be of service to others as they begin their adult lives.



- Miss Cleghorn's Form Class raised £400 for Strathcarron Hospice by selling badges.
- The weekly charity collection was donated to Mary's Meals, which sets up school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.
- Our Advent and Reconciliation programme for fourth, fifth and sixth year comprised of a lesson on Advent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



- Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien concelebrated Mass with deanery clergy to celebrate the Feast Day of St Mungo.
- A Lenten assembly for each House was held and ashes distributed after a short liturgy. Easter week was marked each morning with a short liturgical message broadcast over the school radio.

Responsible Citizens

- A Falkirk Council audit of citizenship gave the school a very positive report.
- The Mayor of Chelmino together with his Head of Education and a number of Headteachers visited St Mungo's on Thursday 23rd April.

Our guests were then entertained by Scottish music performed by St Mungo's ceilidh band and an excellent recital of Burns poetry. We are hoping to twin with one of the Secondary Schools in Chelmino (in the North of Poland).



- All of our S1 pupils took part in an Anti-sectarianism project in conjunction with pupils from Falkirk High School.
- Topics for House Assemblies included Values for Life, Citizenship, Racism, Respect for Others and Anti-bullying and Assertiveness and Remembrance.
- Last session Erin McInnes organised a Rachel and Robin Big Read event to raise money for CHAS. Over 150 pupils took part and were sponsored to take a whole day to read their favourite book. It was a huge success and almost £2000 was raised.
- We had pupils singing at the Policeman's Ball for the Elderly and a group of pupils participated in Falkirk Council's Annual School's Art Exhibition. First Year Christmas Card competition. The winning entry was used as the school's Christmas card.



Confident Individuals

- A Health Seminar was organised for all year groups. Topics included balanced diet, beauty therapy, relaxation techniques, alternative forms of exercise eg Tai Chi.
- Our senior pupils attended seminars on financial management, team building, and preparation for life at further education.
- Forty senior pupils were trained in mentoring to support junior pupils.



- Pupils grasped the opportunity to prove how talented they are as entertainers in our annual "You've Got Talent" show.
- A number of Polish pupils visited St Andrew's Primary School during January. They read dual language books to the primary pupils. They also gave a short talk about Poland.

- Rachael Cahill (S6) recently took part in a Youth UK Ambassadors Project which is a project of the British Youth Council, UK Youth Parliament, Scottish Youth Parliament, Northern Ireland Youth Project and Funky Dragon (Welsh Youth Parliament).



- Pupils and staff put on a superb performance of High School Musical. The show ran over four nights and every performance was a sell-out. This was the first school show in over ten years.

- During Catholic Education Week pupils and staff read a message from the school to each parish in the deanery. A message was broadcast on the school radio each day.
- Mass was celebrated on Wednesday 10 June with former members of staff, former pupils and many parents to give thanks for the Catholic education that has taken place in the old building.
- Pupils raised money to support 2 pupils to go to Lourdes as part of the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust.



- A number of pupils gave up a week of their summer holidays to accompany the sick and infirm on a pilgrimage to Lourdes as part of the Youth for Lourdes Group.
- 14 pupils applied to become part of Project India to visit India in June 2010 to support people with disabilities.

- Mrs Carroll launched a Life Group last September to support new born babies and mothers. Over 100 pupils have joined the Life Group and to date £4,000 has been raised.

- Donations by pupils and their families allowed us to make up 50 food parcels for the Saint Vincent De Paul Society to distribute at Christmas.



Successful Learners

We are very pleased with how well pupils performed in their exams.

- 40% of pupils achieved five or more Credit passes which is a 3% improvement from last session.

- SQA results for the senior school are very good.

By the end of sixth year -

- 53% achieved at least one Higher which is a 10% increase from the previous session.
- 39% achieved 3 or more Highers, an increase of 10% from the previous session.
- 26% achieved 5 or more Highers, an 8% increase from last session.



- 94% of Third Year Pupils who sat Intermediate 2 achieved an A-C pass. An increase of 1% from last session.

- 52% of Third Year pupils achieved a Credit pass in Standard Grade English. A 1% increase from last session.

- Pupils performed well against comparator schools. English, PE, Geography, Modern Studies, Business Management, Music and Accounting performed especially well.



- Attainment trends compare well with similar schools nationally.

Tables (pre-appeal) which show our performance in National Examinations can be found at the back of this report.

Other Achievements

- Forty five pupils achieved the Bronze Award, thirty pupils achieved the Silver Award and three pupils successfully achieved the Gold Award. Two former pupils finally achieved the Gold Award which they started while attending St Mungo's.

- Ten S6 pupils achieved the ASDAN peer mentoring award for supporting first and second year pupils, supporting bi-lingual pupils and working with small groups of pupils on a range of social and emotional issues.

- Paul Tedcastle who won the Computer Aided Graphics Award from the Scottish Technology Teacher's Association.

- Andrew Hickford who won first prize in a national competition organised by the Royal Scottish Academy of Art.



- Our senior boys football team had a very successful year. They won the league and reached the final of the Scottish Cup, losing 4-2 to Bishopbriggs Academy at Hampden. The team successfully defended the Forth Valley Schools Football Association Senior League title.

- Our Athletics Team gave a superb performance in the Forth Valley Championship, coming second only to Dollar Academy. The team collected 30 medals including seven gold medals. Our S3 girls achieved Bronze medal place in the team honours.

- Two pupils took part in the School's Forth Valley Disability Athletic Championship and the Scottish Disability Championship. Between them, the pair won five Gold medals and seven silver medals.

