



Mr S. Ford



Tip: when you see Mr Ford's finger, click to find out more information on what he is pointing at



Welcome to Mr S. Ford's interactive guide. We hope that this presentation provides you with all of the information you need before starting Strangford College.

On each page, click on text or images to take you to a section of our guide. For example, click on the Mona Lisa to take you to our school day page. Clicking Mr Ford will always bring you back to this page.

On each page, click on the Strangford College logo to bring you back to the Mr Ford's classroom.



If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

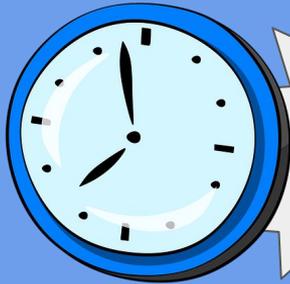
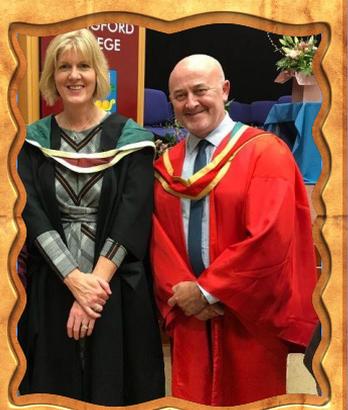


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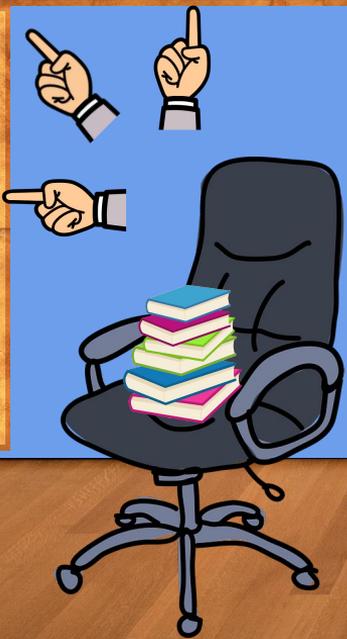
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Dear Year 8 students and parents

We wish you a very warm welcome to Strangford College.

During your first few days and weeks our aim is to ensure that you settle into your new school, meet new friends and embrace all the exciting and varied experiences Strangford College has to offer you.

We are proud to be an integrated school and are committed to creating a school experience for our young people from diverse backgrounds that is exciting, memorable and highly successful. We are committed to working in partnership with our parents and are highly aware of the value of their support and the importance of their role in their child's education.

We have a dynamic and forward thinking staff team, with a strong commitment to best practice in Teaching for Learning, backed by high quality pastoral support for students. It is an exciting time to be part of Strangford College. We are a growing school with a new build project well underway providing enhanced facilities and opportunities for our young people.

This is the start of a new and exciting part of your life. Over the next few years we all want to see you grow into confident young adults who are responsible, respectful and equipped with all the life skills you will need.

We look forward to meeting you in August/September and getting to know you over the weeks and months ahead.

Principal *Mrs Clare Foster*



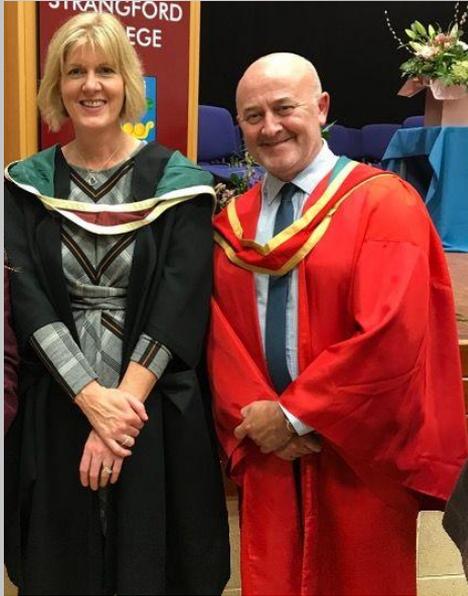
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**Principal + Deputy Principal
Mrs Foster and Dr Lennon**



**Assistant Deputy Principals
Mrs McBride and Mrs Dorrian**



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Heads of Year 8
Mrs McBurney and Mrs Gibson



As a school we pride ourselves on the pastoral care of our students. We help young people to have a sense of belonging and we respect their individuality. As your Heads of Year we will ensure all Year 8 pupils at Strangford College feel welcome, respected and safe in our school community.

We understand that beginning a new school is an exciting and daunting time for both pupils and parents. But don't worry, we are here to support you. If you have any worries, your form teacher is one of the staff you can ask for assistance, along with your Year Heads and Mrs Dorrian, Head of Pastoral Care.

We hope you enjoy your time at Strangford College. Our College is a place where you will find friendship, fun and improvement in learning. Make the most of the opportunities presented to you. Do your best and ask for support if you need it.

We look forward to meeting you all in August/September and getting to know you really well in the years ahead.



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Back to Mr
Ford's
classroom





The School Day

Breakfast is available from the canteen from about 8.15am

Registration: 9:05am - 9:20am

Lesson 1: 9:20am - 9:55am

Lesson 2: 9:55am - 10:30am

Break: 10:30am - 10:50am

Lesson 3: 10:50am - 11:25am

Lesson 4: 11:25am - 12:00pm

Lesson 5: 12:00pm - 12:35pm

(Junior Lunch) **Lesson 6:** 12:35pm - 1:10pm

(Senior Lunch) **Lesson 7:** 1:10pm - 1:45pm

Lesson 8: 1:45pm - 2:20pm

Lesson 9: 2:20pm - 2:55pm

Lesson 10: 2:55pm - 3:30pm



READY?



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Homework

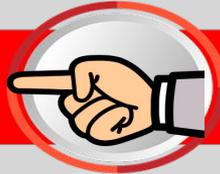
- All students receive a Student Planner at the beginning of each year.
- This will help with organisation.
- It allows communication between home and school.
- It is to be signed each week by parents/guardians.



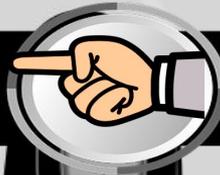
Bus pass queries to be directed to the Education Authority.



Students to present bus pass each journey.



A parental request and a payment of £20 to replace a bus pass.



Travel Arrangements



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Acceptable
use of ICT
Policy

Anti-Bullying
Policy

Pastoral
Policy

**Policies available
on our website**

Promoting
Positive
Behaviour
Policy

Drugs &
Solvent
Abuse Policy

Mobile Phone
Policy

SEN Policy



How do I know my child's progress?

Tracking system to monitor student progress

A2L =
Attitude
to
Learning

4
reports
per year
- SIMS
Parent
App



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ParentZone



Attendance?

How
can I
help?

What
forms do I
have to fill
in?



Family Fund

ParentPay

SIMS Parent
App



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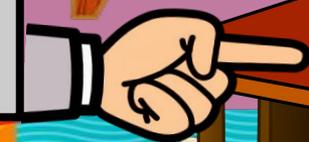
PREPARE
FOR SCHOOL



Go to bed at
a reasonable
time



Don't forget
to set your
alarm



Prepare your
uniform



Pack your bag. Only
pack the things you
need for that day.

Know your
timetable



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Boys uniform

Girls uniform

PE Kits



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SALE

Boys' Uniform:

- Maroon Blazer with college badge
- Black trousers
- Plain white shirt with college tie
- Maroon V-neck jumper
- Black socks
- Black shoes
- White short sleeved shirt – Summer Term (optional)
- House Tie (Clip on)



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Girls' Uniform:

- Maroon Blazer with college badge
- Four kick pleat grey skirt
- Plain white shirt with college tie
- Maroon V-neck jumper or Cardigan
- Plain grey socks or
- 'Lycra' Black tights may be worn
- Low-heeled black shoes
- Maroon striped shirt – Summer Term (optional)
- House Tie (Clip on)



Boys' P.E. Kit

Girls' P.E. Kit



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- College Rugby Shirt
- Black Rugby Shorts
- College Socks
- Football boots
- Training shoes
- Optional tracksuit



- School Polo Shirt
- Maroon P.E. Skort
- College Socks
- Training shoes
- Optional tracksuit
- Optional black hoodie



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- Art
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Book Club
- Careers
- Chess
- Choir

- Cross Country
- Creative Writing
- Cookery
- Debating Society
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Drama
- Folk Band

- Rugby
- Sailing
- Scripture Union
- STEAM
- Strangford Surfers (ICT Club)
- Volleyball

- Football
- Gardening
- Gymnastics
- History
- Homework Club
- Hockey
- Hurling
- Journalism
- Netball



House System



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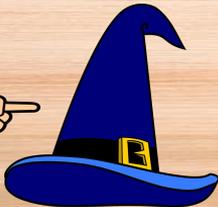
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Sketrick

Taggart



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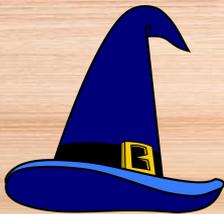
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- The 4 houses are named after islands in Strangford Lough, are led by Sixth Form House Captains.
- This system brings students together in mixed age events of all kinds.
- All students and staff belong to a house and we feel this develops our Strangford College family atmosphere.
- Students participate in house competitions to win house points.
- The best house is awarded the coveted House Shield at the end of the year.



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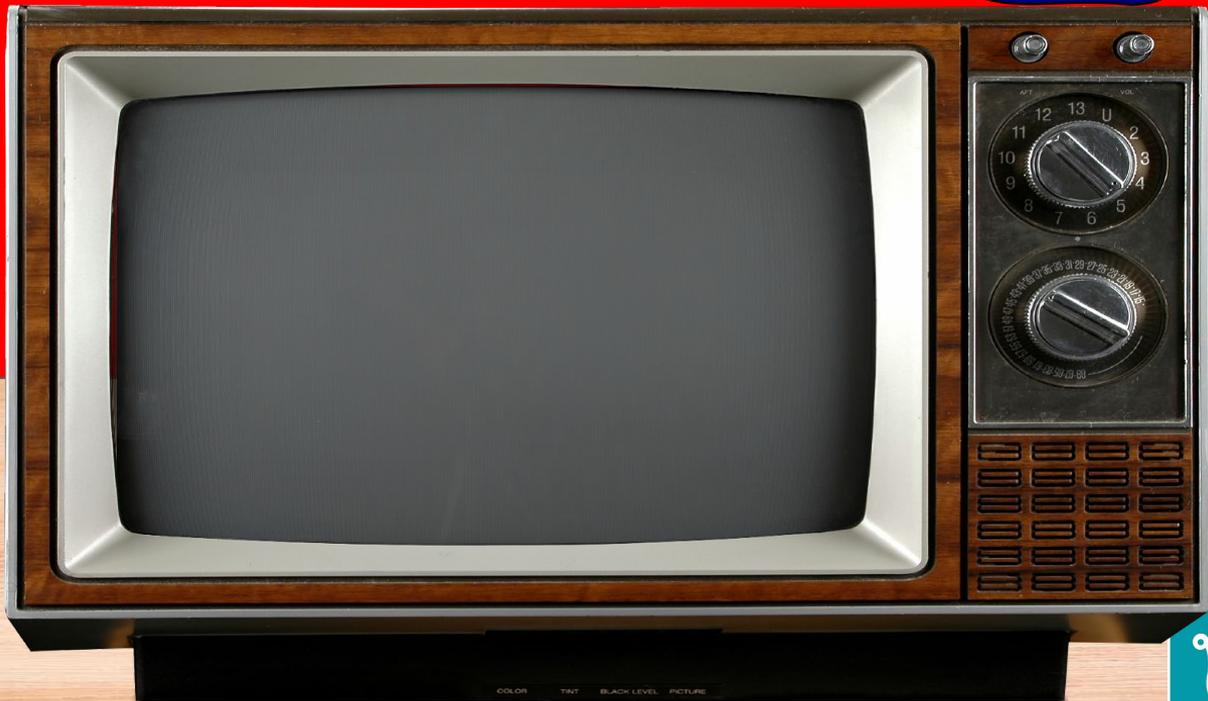
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SKETRICK



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TAGGART



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Mrs Gibson – Designated Teacher



**Mrs
McBurney**
Deputy
Designated



Mr Coffey
Deputy
Designated
Teacher



Dr Lennon
Deputy
Designated
Teacher



**Mrs
Dorrian**
Deputy
Designated
Teacher



He must be
thinking about
Safeguarding



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Safeguarding
Team



- If a child is feeling low.
- If a child is feeling at risk.
- If a child is hurting themselves.
- A child can talk to any member of staff in school and if it is a Child Safeguarding issue, it will be passed on to the Safeguarding Team for them to help deal with the situation



Academic

Targeting subject knowledge & skills

Lines of communication

Home/school
partnership

Parental

Motivational

Targeting subject self
regard as a learner

Targeting subject home support &
encouragement

- Try to attend Parent Consultations/ review meetings.
- Let us know any concerns you may have.
- Keep up-to-date with website and social media pages.
- Sign up to **ParentPay**.
- Sign up to **SIMS Parent App**.

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Family Fund

- Donation to assist us in providing additional activities to assist learning
- Revision strategy sessions, health education, language days, science shows
- £60 per family
- Standing order option of £5 per month

ParentPay

- Secure online payment system
- Easy to use
- Money is not misplaced
- Enables parents to budget - pay as you are able for trips
- Provides a valuable communication system between school and home
- Cashless college since September 2015



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Please sign and return:

1. **Acceptable Use Student Form:** *this will enable your child to use the college computer system responsibly*
2. **School Contract:** *this simply states what we as a school expect from you and you should expect from us to ensure that each student reaches their full potential.*



Attendance

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 ✓	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

"My child's got 95% attendance - that seems pretty good to me!"

Think again ...
95% = half a day's lessons missed every 2 weeks & 2 WEEKS of lessons missed each year.
EVERY LESSON COUNTS!!

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Attendance	Days Missed	Standard
100% Attendance	0	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 = 1 week 4 days (54 lessons)	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 = 3 weeks 4 days (114 lessons)	Poor
85% Attendance	28 = 5 weeks 3 days (168 lessons)	Very poor
80% Attendance	38 = 7 weeks 3 days (228 lessons)	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 = 9 weeks 1 day (276 lessons)	Unacceptable

Please send
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absence
note or ring
on the day
of absence.



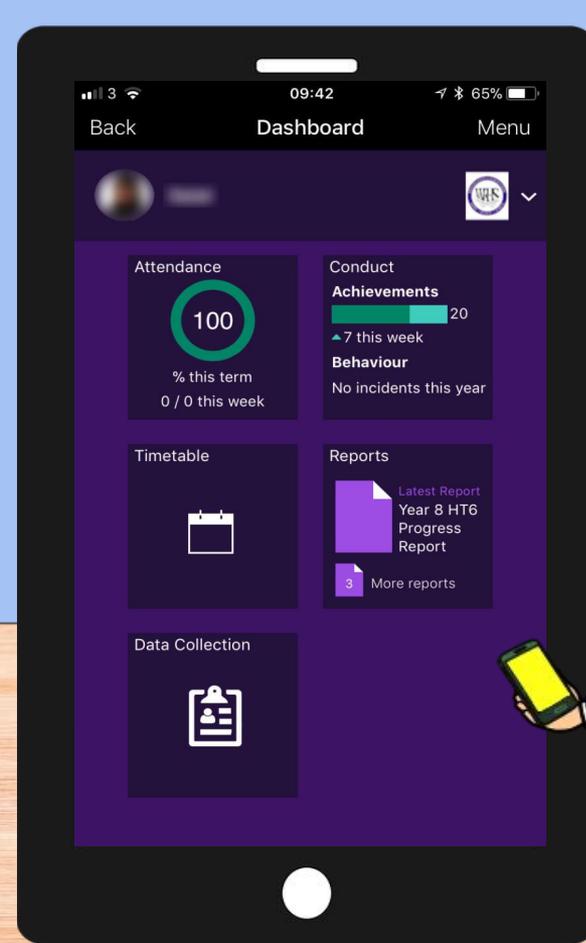
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SIMS Parent App is a convenient way to:

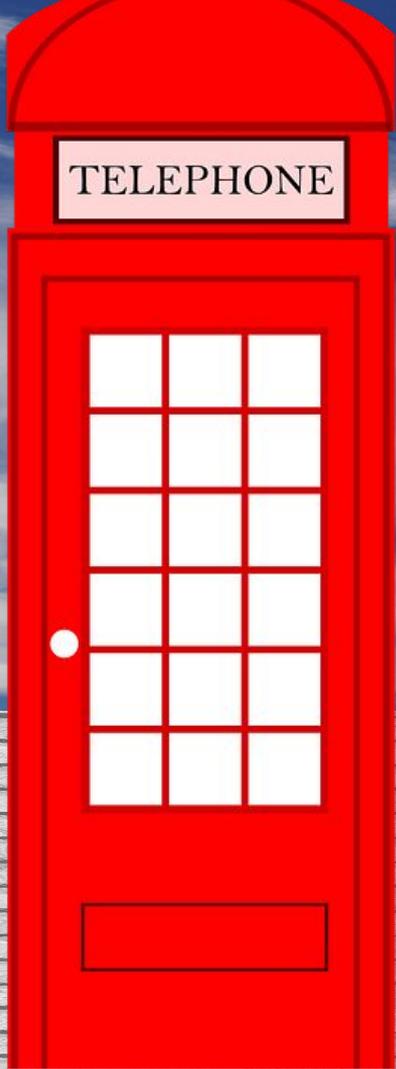
- share information about your child's school life.
- update personal details.
- instantly receive important information, such as attendance, reward points and behaviour points.
- be notified of upcoming school events.

School reports are now sent via the SIMS Parent App.



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