

School Profile

2005 – 2006



Established 1st February 1910

**Govan High School
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Aim

The school aim is “achieving our full potential”.

Vision

We want to maximise potential, develop employability and leadership skills and find fulfilment in life through actively practicing the values of learning, good relationships, perseverance and service.

History

Govan High School is Govan’s secondary school. It is non-denominational, co-educational and comprehensive and caters for pupils aged 12-18. The school can trace its history back to 1875, although the name Govan High dates from February 1st 1910. It was raised to the status of a Senior Secondary in 1919. Govan High moved to its present site in 1969 when the present building was opened by Mr Anthony Hepper who was Chairman of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders at that time. The refurbished building was re-opened by Sir Alex Ferguson CBE on 12th September 2002. Sir Alex is a former pupil.

Roll and Accommodation

The projected roll for 2005-06 is 492. Most teachers presently have the luxury of a room for their own exclusive use. Each teaching and base area has a computer with Internet Access.

The Public Private Partnership Initiative in Glasgow has resulted in the school being refurbished and state of the art computer facilities have been provided. In addition to teaching rooms, the school has specialist accommodation. There are 5 computer suites; Art & Design, Home Economics, the Sciences and Technical Education all have special practical areas; Physical Education has 3 gymnasiums and a swimming pool; the Pirie Park, adjacent to the school campus has areas for football, hockey and athletics. The Library has been re-modelled and re-launched as a Learning Resource Centre with Careers, Continuous Professional Development, Computer and general learning/teaching areas.

Staffing

The teaching staff allocation for 2005-2006 is 42.9 FTE. The school leadership team will consist of the HT, 3DHTs, the Business Manager and the 5 new faculty heads.

The work of the teaching staff is ably complemented by a number of support staff. The Business Manager and Administrative and Finance Assistant for the Govan Learning Community are based in Govan High. We have 4 clerical assistants, 2 classroom assistants, 3 technicians and a librarian. Amey Business Services are the Facilities Managers for the school and they provide 2 janitors and a day cleaner.

The Govan Learning Community

Govan High School has 5 associated primaries. These are Copeland, Drumoyne, Elder Park, Greenfield and Hill’s Trust. The other establishments in the learning community are Broomloan Nursery School and Govan Family Learning Centre.

CDU

The school has a communication disorder unit for children on the autistic spectrum, located on the top floor.

Pupil Support

We are moving towards an integrated support system for pupils. Key to its delivery will be the members of staff in the new faculty of Pupil Support, although all teachers have a pastoral role in line with the terms of 'A Teaching Profession for the 21st Century'.

Badge

The school badge was registered with the Lord Lyon King at arms in May 1954. The badge has some similarity to that of the former Burgh of Govan.

Motto

The school motto *Nihil Sine Labore* may be translated as *Nothing Without Work*.

Uniform

The school colours are red and black. These are reflected in the uniform. All pupils wear the uniform each day.