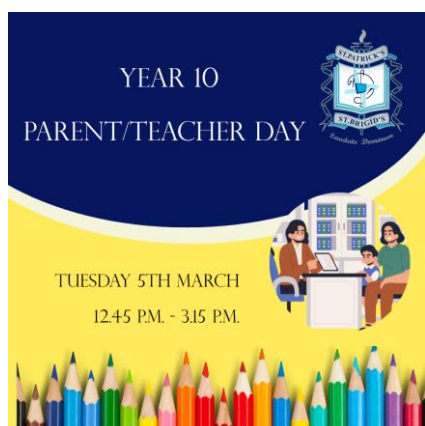




1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are this week's messages.



Yr. 10 Parent/Teacher Day & Options presentation: Tuesday 5th March

The Yr. 10 Parent/Teacher Day will take place on Tuesday 5th March from 12.45pm until 3.15pm. Year 10's reports will be available for collection on this day. Parents/Guardians are also invited to attend an Options presentation which will take place from 12.15pm until 12.45pm in the Main Hall. Yr. 10 pupils are asked to attend with their parents/guardians. This presentation will provide a good opportunity for conversation around the option choices which Yr. 10 pupils will be making.

It is asked that parents/guardians demonstrate respect to our staff members at all times on this day, particularly in the presence of their child. The college does not want to be put in a position that a meeting must be terminated due to the conduct of a parent/guardian. If this was to happen, then the parent/guardian would have to leave the premises as no further meetings with any staff members would be permitted to take place. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.



Closure

The College will be closed for all pupils on Tuesday 5th March due to the Yr. 10 Parent/Teacher Meetings and Options Presentation. The only pupils who are expected on site are the Yr. 10 pupils to accompany their parents/guardians.

Girls P.E – Converse Trainers

There are an increasing number of girls wearing Converse trainers to P.E. This type of trainer is not suitable for activities for health and safety reasons. Converse trainers do not provide suitable ankle support which could lead to injuries. Girls should wear an actual sports trainer when engaging in Sport.

Girls Sports – Training

U14 Girls Gaelic training takes place each Thursday after school at the 3G pitch.

Year 8 Netball training continues to take place during 5A lunch on a Thursday.





Cumber Upper & Learmount Parish Mission

The Parish of Cumber Upper & Learmount are hosting a Mission which begins tomorrow and closes on Saturday 9th March. We will be welcoming Fr. Damian Polly OP, Fr. Philip Mulryne OP and Fr. Colm Mannion OP to the college each day. The theme for each day is as follows: Monday – Healing, Tuesday – Mercy, Wednesday – Witnesses for Christ, Thursday – Our Lady and The Rosary & Prayer and Friday – Death & Goal of Heaven.

The Net – February 2024 Edition

Please collect a copy of this month's 'The Net' produced by the Archdiocese of Derry from your Parish. There is no fixed charge, but you can make a donation. This month's edition features our college on Page 11. You can also access the publication from the following link: [https://www.derrydiocese.org/publications/the-net/the-net-february-](https://www.derrydiocese.org/publications/the-net/the-net-february-2024.pdf)

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Trocaire's Lent Appeal 2024

We will be supporting Trócaire's 2024 Lent Appeal which will focus on **the impact of poverty and climate change on a family and community in rural Malawi** and each Form group has been provided with its own Trocaire box. There will be talks taking place to Yr. 9 on Thursday and to Yr. 8 on Friday by a representative from Trocaire. This representative will also lead the Lent Reflection before school on Friday morning. The dates of the next Lent Reflection mornings are Friday 8th March and Friday 22nd March.

Gaelic Games

Thank you to our Yr. 10/11 Boys Gaelic Football team who represented the College brilliantly at the U15.5 Ulster Schools's Gaelic blitz today.



Key Dates

Some key dates:

Monday 4th March
Tuesday 5th March
Friday 8th March
Friday 15th March

Mission Week in the Parish of Cumber Upper & Learmount begins
Year 10 Parent/Teacher Day & Options presentation (College closed)
Lent Reflection Morning in Room 9 (08.45-09.05)
Baker Day 4 – school closed for pupils as Staff Training Day

Collective Worship

This week the theme of our Collective Worship was 'Lent'. Each year group was encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in their Parish. Please encourage your child to go.

Here are themes for Collective Worship of the remaining weeks of this term:

W/b Monday 4 th March:	Mission
W/b Monday 11 th March:	St. Patrick
W/b Monday 18 th March:	Easter – Hope & Renewal
W/b 25 th March:	Celebration

Final Prayer

Lent is a season of penitence, fasting and spiritual preparation. In receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, we acknowledge our sins before God and the Church and receive forgiveness of Christ and his Church.

*Dear Lord,
Bring us back to you,
Forgive us our sins,
and assure us of your eternal love;
In Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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