



4th October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some information for you:



Mobile Phones

Pupils are currently permitted to bring their mobile phone to the college, but it must be switched off and out of sight at all times whilst on the grounds or engaged in activities, unless its use is explicitly authorised by a teacher for example in Art or Technology. This means pupils are not permitted to use these devices between classes, at morning break or at lunch times. If a pupil is found using a mobile phone without the explicit permission of a teacher, (s)he will be sent

immediately to reception to hand over the device. Failure to comply with this guidance will be treated as defiance of a member of staff. Any mobile phone handed over will be kept safely at reception until the end of the school day, where it can then be collected by the pupil. However, in the event of persistent defiance of the rules in the use of such devices, parents/guardians will be contacted and required to come into the college to collect the device. Any information received about the use of text messages or the camera/video function of any mobile phone at any time in a manner liable to cause upset to any member of our community will result in sanctions being applied.

'Caddies' are in use in certain rooms when groups of pupils will be asked to hand in their phones at the beginning of a lesson and will collect them when the lesson ends. Pupils are asked to turn their phones off, so learning is not interrupted with constant chimes/buzzing etc. Caddies are in use in the following classrooms:

- Rooms 5, 6 & 7
- Room 1 & IT1
- Rooms 8, 9 & 10
- Rooms 11 & 12
- Art Room and Room 15
- Mobiles 1 & 2
- SCR1, SCR2, SCR3 and SCR4
- HE1 & HE2
- TL2
- Rooms 2,3 & 4 have plastic boxes for phones.

The college does not accept responsibility for the loss or damage of Mobile Phones.

School Levy – Thank you

Thank you to all the pupils who returned their small brown envelopes with their school levy this week. There is still an opportunity for parents/guardians to pay their levy if they were unable to this week. We ask for a contribution of £30.00 per pupil. The envelope should be returned to your son's/daughter's Form Tutor.

National Poetry Day



Glasgow born and Derry based poet, Frank Rafferty, was in the college this week leading poetry workshops.

Examples of poems created by our pupils are available to read on our Facebook account.

Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) Draft Policy & Survey

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who responded. The deadline for providing feedback has now passed.

Reflection Morning

Reflection took place this morning and we were delighted Fr. O' Kane could join us. Reflection will take place each Friday morning before school from 8.50 a.m. until 9.05 a.m. during the month of October. This is open to both pupils and staff members.

Venue: Room 10. The next reflection morning will take place on Friday 11th October.

Parking

Parents/guardians are asked to not drop their children off or pick them up at the main gate. This is creating an unnecessary risk for our pupils and staff members both before school and after school. Many thanks in advance for your co-operation.

Sport

This week we welcomed a rugby coach from Limavady Rugby Club to coach Year 9 & Year 12 pupils. Thank you to all the pupils for their positive participation.



Key Dates

Friday 11th October

Reflection Morning (8.50 - 9.05 am) in Room 10

W/b Monday 14th October

Tracking 1 Begins

Final Prayer

As we are now in the month of October, the month traditionally in the Church is dedicated to Our Lady, we ask for her intercession.

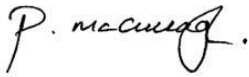
*Our Lady of the Rosary O God,
whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection,
has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation.*

*Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
that we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise,
through Christ our Lord.*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have Mercy on us.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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