



6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some important information for you:

Parental Information Evenings – W/b Monday 9th September

Please note the Parental Information Evening dates to launch the new academic year are listed below. These information evenings will be held in person in the Assembly Hall but will not be available to stream online. These are important evenings for parents/guardians to attend without their children. Examples of topics which will be covered include Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE), important dates regarding assessments/examinations and information regarding Parent/Teacher & Parent/Tutor events. The dates are as follows:

- Year 8:** 4.00pm on Monday 9th September
- Year 9:** 5.00pm on Monday 9th September
- Year 10:** 5.00pm on Tuesday 10th September
- Year 11:** 5.00pm on Wednesday 11th September
- Year 12:** 5.00pm on Thursday 12th September



Planners



You child has been provided with his/her pupil planner. The main purpose of this planner is to record homework. Parents/Guardians are expected to check their child's planner on a weekly basis. There are also many helpful subject specific pages to support pupils with their learning. The pupil planner is also a useful tool for you to give any messages to your child's Form tutor.

School Levy

In these difficult times for schools, I am appealing to parents/guardians to donate to the school levy to help fund the numerous opportunities for extra-curricular development. Over the years the generous donations of our parents/guardians have become a lifeline, supporting the extensive extra-curricular programme of which the college is rightly proud.

We ask for a contribution of £30.00 per pupil.

Government funding provides the school with the resources for day-to-day teaching and learning but it does not contribute towards the wide range of extracurricular activities that make St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College so special.

Extracurricular Sports Provision

Please see our range of sporting clubs which will be taking place during this year. Parents/Guardians are asked to record the day of the after-school provision, the time, the location and who the coaches are. Some clubs begin as soon as next week, and others begin after the half term break at Halloween.

Day	Club	Year Group	Location	Time	Coach/es
Monday	 U14 Camogie W/b Monday 16 th September	Yr. 8, 9 & 10	Claudy GAA 3G	4.00-5.00 pm	Ms. M. Mc Williams & Ms. E. O' Kane
	 Boys Gaelic Football W/b Monday 16 th September	Yr. 9 & 10	Cumber Claudy GAA pitch	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr. J Ball & Mr. C. White
Tuesday	Senior Netball W/b Monday 16 th September	Y10/11/12	Diamond Centre	4.00 - 4.45pm	Mrs. S Mc Laughlin & Ms. N Doherty
	Boys and Girls Basketball After Halloween Half-term	Yr. 8/9	Outdoors or Assembly Hall	4.00 - 4.45pm	Mr. Holloway
Wednesday	 Boys & Girls Gaelic Football After Halloween	Yr. 8	Cumber Claudy GAA pitch	4.00pm – 5.00pm	Mr. C. White
	 Boys Soccer W/b Monday 9 th September	Year 8, 9 & 10	Claudy GAA 3G	4.00pm – 5.00pm	Mr Lovell & Mr Ball
Thursday	Girls Gaelic Football W/b Monday 16 th September	U14/U16	Claudy GAA 3G	3.45 - 4.45pm	Mrs. A. McCloskey & Ms. R. Duffy
	Boys Gaelic Football W/b Monday 16 th September	U16 Yr. 11 & 12	Cumber Claudy GAA pitch	4,00pm – 5.00pm	Mr. B. Rainey & Mr. C. White
	Senior Boys Soccer After Half term H'ween	Yr. 11/12	Claudy GAA 3G	4.00pm – 5.00pm	Mr Rainey
Friday	 Cross Country After Halloween	Yr. 8-12	Starting from school	3:45pm – 4:30pm	Mrs. A. McCloskey & Mr. J Ball



Homework Club

Homework Club will take place Monday-Thursday (3.45-4.30pm) in Room I.T3. Homework Club begins on Monday 16th September. This is a great opportunity for pupils to complete their homework in a supervised environment with access to I.T hardware.

Examinations

Parents/Guardians of Yr. 11 & Yr. 12 pupils are asked to record the dates of the GCSE examinations taking place in November 2024 and in February 2025. These timetables are also available on the School App.

GCSE Exam Timetable Nov 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXAM</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>Group</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Monday 11 th November	Single Award Biology - Resit	Year 12	1.15 – 2.15 pm
	Double Award Biology - unit 1 (Resit)	Year 12	
Tuesday 12 th November	Single Award Chemistry	Year 12	9.25 – 10.25 am
	Double Award Chemistry - unit 1 (Resit)	Year 12	
Wednesday 13 th November	Double Award Physics - unit 1 (Resit)	Year 12	9.25 – 10.25 am
Friday 15 th November	English Language (UNIT 1) (Resit)	Year 12	9.25 – 11.10 am
Monday 18 th November	English Language (UNIT 4) (Some Group 1 pupils)	Year 12	9.25 – 11.10 am
Tuesday 19 th November	Maths units 1 & 2	Year 11	9.25 – 11.25 am
Tuesday 19 th November	Maths units 3 & 4 (Resit)	Year 12	9.25 – 11.25 am

GCSE Exam Timetable Feb 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXAM</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>Group</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Wed 26th Feb	Single Award Biology	Year 11 & Year 12 resit	9.25 – 10.25 am
	Double Award Biology - unit 1	Year 12	

Thu 27 th Feb	Single Award Chemistry	Year 12	9.25 – 10.25 am
	Double Award Chemistry - unit 1	Year 12	
Fri 28 th Feb	Double Award Physics - unit 1	Year 12	9.25 – 10.25 am

Photographer

Yr. 8 pupils (P.2/3) and Yr. 12 pupils (P.4) will be out of lessons for a short period of time on Tuesday to have their photograph taken by a professional photographer. The photographs of pupils from any of the other year groups who joined the college in the last academic year or at the beginning of this academic year will also have their photograph taken.

Waterside Half Marathon

Congratulations to staff members Mr O'Neill, Mrs O'Neill, Mr Doherty (Music) and Ms McCloskey who completed the Waterside Half marathon last Sunday.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Ollie K. in Yr.10 who attended a Futsal tournament at the Omagh Futsal club last weekend. Ollie managed the 6-8yrs age group and 2 out of the 3 teams won their final. Ollie also manages the newly established 3-5yrs age group.

Well done Ollie and keep up the excellent leadership skills!

Key Dates

Monday 9th September

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Tuesday 10th September

Wednesday 11th September

Thursday 12th September

Parents Information Evening for Yr. 8 at 4.00pm

Parents Information Evenings for Yr. 9 at 5.00pm

Parents Information Evenings for Yr. 10. at 5.00pm

Parents Information Evenings for Yr. 11. at 5.00pm

Parents Information Evenings for Yr. 12 at 5.00pm

Final Prayer

Pope's Intention for September:

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P. McCullagh – College Principal
BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH, NPQEL

