



10th May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are this week's messages.



60th Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Photographs from last Thursday's celebrations are available in this week's 'Derry Post'.

Here are some messages we received about the 60th Anniversary Mass & Celebration:

'Just a note to say thank you for the great evening for the 60th Anniversary. I appreciate the amount of hard work and planning that took place in the recent weeks and months for it to pass off so successfully. Please pass on my congratulations to all concerned. Several people have remarked to me about the beautiful Choir. It was something special. It was most enjoyable reminiscing with past colleagues and pupils.'

(Mrs E. O'Kane)

'I attended the 60th Celebrations last Thursday, 2nd May 2024. I was one of the first-year pupils of 1963. The teacher and pupil contact was completely different. I was very proud to be a pupil of SPB. Mr Murphy (RIP) was Principal during my time. I enjoyed the Anniversary – both the mass and afterwards. Thank you.'

(Miss E. O'Hagan)

'Thank you for the invitation to the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the College in 1963/4. We were honoured to attend on May 2nd. We were touched by the attention we received because of our status as members of the 63/64 staff. St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's opened at a time of impending social and political change. We hope that after 60 years we are at the beginning of further changes – for the better, and for everybody. Best wishes to you Mr McCullagh and to the staff, and also to the ever-wonderful students of SPB Claudy' (Patrick & Phyl O'Donnell)

Leavers Mass

Yr. 12 celebrated their leaver's Mass with Fr. David O'Kane today. We pray that God will guide them through the coming weeks of their public examinations and the next chapter of their life.



Public Examinations: Yr. 11 & Yr. 12

Pupils have been issued with individual examination timetables. They should check these carefully and ensure that they are present for examinations scheduled. Pupils should be punctual for all examinations. If a pupil is unable to attend for a genuine reason this should be communicated to the office as soon as possible.

- Pupils must be in full school uniform at all times (PE uniform is not acceptable).
- Pupils can only use pens with black ink (no gel pens, highlighters or Tippex).
- Pupils should have a pen, pencil, ruler and any other essential equipment (calculator etc) in a clear pencil case.
- Pupils must not be wearing any type of watch.
- Mobile phones cannot be brought into the examination venues.
- The only liquid that is permitted in the examination venues is water. This must be in a clear bottle with the label removed so it is transparent.
- Pupils must have no writing of any form on any parts of their body.

Yr. 11 Revision sessions

Revision sessions for Yr. 11 pupils begin in school on the W/b Monday 13th May.

A timetable of what revision sessions are on offer will be made available on the School App from today, Friday 10th May. Pupils must be dressed in full school uniform.

Yr. 8 & Yr. 9 Examinations

Yr. 8 and Yr. 9 will be completing their End of Year examinations, these will take place on the 29th of May until the 31st of May inclusive. Yr. 8 and Yr. 9 will have a study day on Tuesday 28th May. This is the induction day for the new cohort of pupils starting in September 2024. Pupils will be receiving their timetables on Tuesday 14th May. Pupils are asked to bring books/notes to study when they are not doing examinations. Pupils will be expected to work independently during these times.

Textbooks

Please could Yr. 12 pupils who have borrowed textbooks ensure they are returned. In addition, if any pupil would like to donate any used textbooks following their examinations, they too would be greatly appreciated. Pupils can drop them off at main reception.

Uniform Donations

Parents/guardians of Yr. 12 pupils are asked to kindly consider donating any school uniform your child will no longer require after the public examinations. Please check that it is in a good clean condition. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be left at main reception.



End of Year trips & visits

The final day for payment regarding the end of year trips is **4.00pm on Tuesday 14th May**. The full £25.00 has to be paid for either the trip to Carrowmena Activity Centre or The Lake, Kilrea

Key Dates

Some key dates:

Monday 27 th May	Baker Day 5 (college closed for pupils)
Tuesday 28 th May	Study Day for Yr. 8, Yr. 9 & Yr. 10 (Induction Day for new Yr. 8)
Wednesday 29 th May	Yr. 10 & Yr.11 Return to school
Wednesday 29 th May	Examinations begin for Yr. 8 & Yr. 9
Tuesday 4 th June	Staff Development Day 5 (college closed for pupils)
Friday 21 st June	Sports Day & Colour Run
Monday 24 th June	Year 8 Trip to Carrowmena Activity Centre (£25.00)
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 9 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea (£25.00)
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 11 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea (£25.00)
Thursday 27 th June	Year 10 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea (£25.00)
Friday 28 th June	End of Term (12.00 finish)

Final Prayer

Last Sunday marked the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel reading it records some of the last words by Jesus to his closest followers before the crucifixion. His primary message was "to love one another".

Bless us with Love,
O Merciful God,
that we may Love as you love,
that we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring and love to all.
Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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

