



16th August 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you have been enjoying the summer break. I thought it would be helpful to share some information with you regarding the next few weeks in the build up to the new academic year.

GCSE Examination Results Day – Thursday 22nd August

Examination results will be available for Yr. 12 pupils from 9.00a.m. on Thursday 22nd August in the Assembly Hall. Yr.11 pupils can collect their results from 10.00 a.m.

You will probably be aware from the media that examination results this year in Northern Ireland are returning to pre-pandemic standards. We wish all of our pupils the very best of luck.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale – Friday 23rd August

Due to popular demand, we will be hosting another pre-loved uniform sale. It will take place in our Assembly Hall on Friday 23rd August 2.00 – 4.30pm.

Blazers: £15.00, Trousers: £4.00, Skirts: £4.00, Scarfs: £7.50, PE tops: £2.50, PE Shorts: £5.00.

Uniform Donations

You are asked to kindly consider donating any school uniform your child no longer requires. Please check that it is in good, clean condition. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped in to main reception before the new academic year commences.

Back to School Dates

Our new Yr. 8 cohort will be in college on the morning of Thursday 29th August: 9.15 – 12.00.

Our new Yr. 11 cohort will be in college on the morning of Friday 30th August: 9.15 – 12.00.

There will be no buses available on these days so parents/guardians are asked to transport their children to and from the college. The canteen will not be open and pupils are asked to bring a snack item with them for their break. Pupils will be dismissed at 12.00 so that they can have their lunch at home.

All pupils are in college from Monday 2nd September – full day: 9.15 – 3.35. The canteen opens again as usual from this date.

Back to School – Supporting an anxious child workshop – Tuesday 20th August 7.00pm

There is a free workshop online via 'Zoom' for parents/guardians on how to support their child if he/she is anxious about returning back to school. The workshop will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 29th August. For further information or to book a place please call: 0800 8020 400.

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/carers to attend without their children. Examples of topics which will be covered include Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE). The dates are as follows:

New Year 8: 4.00pm on Monday 9th September

New Year 9: 5.00pm on Monday 9th September

New Year 10: 5.00pm on Tuesday 10th September

New Year 11: 5.00pm on Wednesday 11th September

New Year 12: 5.00pm on Thursday 12th September

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 and ask that this is paid in the w/b Monday 2nd September.

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 extra-curricular activities that make St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College so special.

Trip to Paris – Deposit required

Pupils going to Paris in the new academic year are reminded that their £250 deposit is due in the w/b Monday 2nd September.

Summer Scheme

Thank you to all of the staff members who helped to facilitate the summer scheme in July. Our new Yr. 8 pupils who were able to attend raised £830.50 for The Foyle Hospice. This summer scheme has been running for 20 years and over £19,000 has been raised for a range of charities which is fantastic.





GAA

Congratulations to Blain and Caoimhin who followed up their Ulster final win with All – Ireland success as Derry Minors. We wish both boys the best of luck moving forward.

Key Dates

Thursday 22 nd August	Examination Results Day from 9.00 & all staff return to the college
Friday 23 rd August	Pre-loved Uniform Sale (2.00-4.30)
Thursday 29 th August	New Yr. 8 pupils in college (morning only: 9.15-12.00)
Friday 30 th August	New Yr. 11 pupils in college (morning only: 9.15-12.00)
Monday 2 nd September	All pupils in college – full day (9.15 – 3.35)

Final Prayer

In the Gospel, Jesus asked his apostles to, "come away to some quiet place by yourselves and rest for a while". We are reminded that it is important to take time out to rest. Enjoy the remaining time of your break.

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families over the remaining time we are away from school.

May we all help in making our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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