



24th May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are this week's messages.

College Closure – Monday 20th May & Tuesday 21st May

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, Yr. 9 and Yr. 10 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 are asked to bring books/notes to study when they are not doing examinations. Pupils will be expected to work independently during these times. Revision booklets for Yr. 8 and Yr. 9 are currently available on the School App.

Vape Awareness

Form Captains and Vice Captains from Yr. 9 & Yr. 10 attended a Vape Awareness Event at the Guildhall last Friday organised by the Mayor. Thank you to the staff members who accompanied the pupils.



Fundraising – Make 2nds Count

On Friday 12th April 2024, the school community at St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College was saddened to learn about the death of Mrs Mary Toner who taught Home Economics in the college for 15 years. Mrs Toner was much loved and popular with both staff members and pupils alike.



In memory of Mrs Toner, the college is organising a Colour Run on Friday 21st June and a Prize Draw will be taking place on the same day. We are also going to be having a bake sale for staff on Tuesday 4th June and a Charity Fundraiser on Wednesday 26th June which will be a 'Claudy's Got 60 Years of Talent' competition.

It is estimated that 35,000 people are currently living with breast cancer in the UK yet only 7% of National funding for cancer goes towards this incurable disease. Make 2nds Count aims to address this imbalance. It is hope that you can support with the events, enter the prize draw or make a donation! Here is a link to our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/spbc-1716546398821>



Reflection Mornings - June

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Reflection mornings will be returning on each Friday morning before school from 8.50am until 9.05am. This is open to both pupils and staff members.

Venue: Room 9. The first reflection morning will take place on Friday 7th June.

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.

Key Dates

Some key dates:

Monday 27th May
Tuesday 28th May
Wednesday 29th May
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Baker Day 5 (**college closed for pupils**)
Study Day for Yr. 8, Yr. 9 & Yr. 10 (Induction Day for new Yr. 8 pupils)
Yrs 8 - 10 & Yr.11 return to school
Examinations begin for Yr. 8 & Yr. 9

Tuesday 4th June
Friday 21st June

Staff Development Day 5 (**college closed for pupils**)
Sports Day, Colour Run & Prize Draw

Monday 24th June
Tuesday 25th June
Wednesday 26th June
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Thursday 27th June
Friday 28th June

Year 8 Trip to Carrowmena Activity Centre
Year 9 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea
Year 11 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea
'Claudy's Got 60 Years of Talent' competition
Year 10 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea
End of Term (12.00 finish)

Final Prayer

Last Sunday marked the great and joyful feast of Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

Lord of Power,

just as the outpouring of Your Holy Spirit on Pentecost so drastically changed the lives of the disciples, may the burning fire of Your Holy Spirit refine and renew us, so that we too will never be the same.

May we be moved by the power of the Spirit, and may our lives and ministries be infused with Your divine, supernatural touch and authority.

May the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation cause us to grow in our knowledge of You.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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