



28th June 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the course of this academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome so many parents/guardians on site for our 60th Anniversary events which were held.

Some important information for you:

Make 2nds Count Charity

An incredible **£4370.00** has been raised for the 'Make 2nds Count' charity. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our range of events. The Big Charity Draw was a great success and we sold 116 tickets. All of our Prize Winners have now been contacted. Thank you to all the businesses who provided prizes.



Charitable Work

In total, **£5866.03** has been raised for 6 different charities this year. Our school community has been so generous to help all these worthwhile causes. Here is a breakdown of how much has been raised for each of the charities we have supported in 2023/2024:

Kindness of Strangers: £120.00
 Granaghan Outreach: £450.00
 Irish Pilgrimage Trust: £250.00
 Trocaire: £426.03
 HURT NI: £250.00
 Make 2nds Count: £4370.00

TOTAL: £5866.03



Celebration Assemblies

This week we have been celebrating this term's academic achievements across Years 8 – 11. There were pupils recognised for excelling in their studies and pupils acknowledged for their effort. Thank you to Miss Kelly and the Head's of Year for organising these special assemblies.



Day trips

I am sure that many of us have a range of different memories from our time at school. Some relate to lessons and classroom experiences, but many of them also come from activities and trips outside of the classroom. I am delighted that so many of our pupils had such an enjoyable time on their day trips this week. None of the activities were significantly expensive and we wanted to make sure that cost was not a factor that prevented any of our pupils from taking a full part. The most significant costs to trips are often transport related particularly with the increased cost of hiring a bus/coach.



CLAUDY'S GOT 60 YEARS OF TALENT

On Wednesday afternoon this week our Yr. 8, Yr. 9 & Yr. 10 pupils enjoyed a talent competition. There were a range of acts and it was difficult for the judges to select their winners. Thank you to Mr Doherty for co-ordinating this.



Prefects

Thank you to Mr Eugene O'Neill, Director of Workforce Planning & Governance at CCMS, who visited recently to present our Headboy & Headgirl for 2024/25 with their new ties. Congratulations to Donal and Sophia in Yr.11 on their appointments following a rigorous process. We wish them the best of luck as Headboy & Headgirl for the new academic year. Sincere thanks to our outgoing Headgirl, Cait, and our outgoing Headboy, Rory, who have been tremendous in their leadership roles this year. They have been excellent role models for our pupils. We wish Cait & Rory the best of luck moving forward.



Trip to Paris

61 current Yr. 9 and Yr. 10 pupils applied for the trip to Paris next year. There are 47 places and therefore 14 pupils will be on the reserve list. There will be further communication regarding this in the W/b Monday 1st July as a £250 payment will be required in the W/b Monday 2nd September.

Preventative Curriculum

Here are some of the topics we have covered across the year groups in 2023/2024 regarding the Preventative curriculum this year:

Year 8

Hip Psychology (September), Smashed Project (November), PSNI - Social media/images (November), Action Cancer- Vaping (December), PSNI-Vaping (March), Presentation by HURT NI (June), Dry Arch Centre-'Cyber Pal' (June)

Year 9

Smashed Project (November), Action Cancer - Vaping (December), PSNI - Vaping (March), HURT NI (June) – EWTS-Resilience (June)

Year 10

Edel/Michelle (local social workers) – '*Taming the Emotional Rollercoaster*', YMCA (January), Nexus (November), Action Cancer - Vaping (December), Smashed Project (February), PSNI - Vaping (March), HURT NI (June) – FC/VC only, EWTS-Resilience (June)

Year 11

NEXUS (November), Action Cancer - Vaping (December), Smashed Project (February), PSNI - Vaping (March)

Year 12

Action Cancer-vaping (December), PSNI - Vaping (March)

Reports

Pupils in Yr. 8 and Pupils in Yr. 9 have been given their reports this week. Please ensure to ask for them.

Vacancy

Following the promotion of Ms Claire Glenn to Senior Executive Officer, we are now recruiting an Executive Officer. The advert is currently available on the Education Authority website (eani.org.uk/jobs). Deadline for applications is **midnight on Thursday 11th July** <https://eani.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl>

Parental Information Evenings - 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 cover 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



Pre-loved Uniform Sale – 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 2.00pm – 4.30pm.

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

Key Dates

Thursday 22 nd August	Examination Results Day
Thursday 29 th August	New Year 8 pupils return (morning only)
Friday 30 th August	New Yr. 11 pupils return (morning only)
Monday 2 nd September	All pupils in college

Final Prayer

In last Sunday's Gospel, we heard how Jesus crossed the river with his disciples. "A violent squall came up and waves were breaking the boat, so that it was already filling up..." "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Jesus reassures us that we should put our trust and faith in him at all times.

I commit to You today that I am going to begin each day in faith, believing for good things, looking at life through the lens of faith, and seeking Your will in everything I say and do. Thank You for Your blessings and Your love for me, and for guiding me into all truth.

Amen.

Wishing you and your family a relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely,



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