



16th May 2025

Education Awards 25

We are delighted to have been shortlisted as a finalist at the Local Women Magazine Education Awards 2025 for 'Excellence in STEM'. These awards celebrate the remarkable achievements and tireless efforts of teachers and schools across Northern Ireland. The ceremony will take place at the Europa Hotel in Belfast on Saturday 31st May.



Yr. 12 Leavers Breakfast

Yr. 12 pupils will have a Leavers Breakfast on Tuesday 20th May from 11.30 - 12.15. This follows the GCSE English Language Unit 4 Examination. All Yr. 12 pupils are invited, those pupils not doing the Unit 4 are welcome to come into school that morning to study and then take part in the Leavers Breakfast with the rest of the year group. Leavers Hoodies are available from the Office for those who have purchased one and have not yet collected it.

Year 9 Parent Tutor Day

We look forward to welcoming parents/guardians of our Yr. 9 pupils to the Parent/Tutor Day next Friday. Appointment slips should have been returned today. Please call the Office on 028 7133 8317 if you did not receive a letter and would like to book an appointment.

Key Stage 3 Examinations

Pupils in Key Stage 3 will have examinations from Tuesday 27th May until Friday 30th May. Each year group will have one study day during their examinations:

Tuesday 27 th May	Study Day for Yr. 10 pupils
Wednesday 28 th May	Study Day for Yr. 9 pupils
Thursday 29 th May	Study Day for Yr. 8 pupils

Here is a link to the timetable:

<https://www.spbcollege.com/pupils/ks3-summer-exam-timetable-2025>

I.T Hardware Upgrade

In the last academic year, the college had new Interactive Whiteboards installed and desktop PC's were replaced. The same is taking place this year with 7 new Interactive Whiteboards being replaced and 41 x new desktops will be arriving this term.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

If any parent/guardian could be potentially interested in joining a Parent Teacher Association from September 2025, could you please email info@spbcollege.claudy.ni.sch.uk or contact the college.



Uniform

It is imperative that all pupils attend school in the correct uniform, this is a basic expectation. This includes for public examinations and in regard to PE uniform. The college has spare uniform items and families should get in touch if financial assistance is required. There is simply no excuse for any pupil to attend school incorrectly dressed. A lot of time is wasted having fruitless interactions that aren't always well received. Interactions of this nature add no value to curriculum learning. I kindly ask you to ensure your child is correctly dressed before leaving your care each morning particularly during this spell of warmer weather.

Uniform Donations

Please kindly consider donating any school uniform your child no longer requires. Please check that it is in a good clean condition. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be left at the main school office. We will be holding a Nearly New Uniform sale at the end of term to financially assist families of the new Year 8 and any other family who may wish to avail of renewed uniform items.

Sr Clare Event

Members of our Junior Choir represented our college at a Sing for Sr Clare Crockett retreat day hosted by Lumen Christi last Friday. It was a wonderful day of prayer and music. *"I love ending the day tired, but filled with an interior joy, knowing that if I am tired, it's because I have served the Lord"* (Sr Clare).



Reflection Mornings - June

On each Friday during the month of June we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus during a morning reflection before school. This is for pupils and staff members and will take place in Room 10 (R.E Department). The first Reflection morning will take place on Friday 6th June.



'GUESS THE SCORE' Competition

Congratulations to Kai L (Yr 10) who won the 'GUESS THE SCORE' Ulster Final GAA Competition winning £50.00.

The McFaul siblings were the top sellers and received a £50.00 O'Neill's Voucher. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. £280.00 was raised in total.



Year 8 Girls Gaelic Team – Ulster Champions!

Congratulations to our Year 8 Girls Gaelic team on becoming Ulster Champions on Wednesday at Ballinascreen! The girls advanced from their group which included Holy Trinity, Cookstown, Holy Cross, Strabane & Gaelcholáiste Dhoire. The girls beat St. Colm's, Draperstown in the Semi Final and beat St. Patrick's College, Maghera by 2 points in the final! Many thanks to Ms McCloskey for coaching the team. We can't wait to see what the future holds for these talented and hard-working girls.

Primary School Gaelic Blitz

We had 14 x teams participate in a Primary School Gaelic blitz which was a fantastic event today. Thank you to our PE Department and other staff members who helped ensure that this event ran smoothly.



Two of our former pupils, Caoimhin Hargan (Derry GAA U21 Footballer) and Blain Conwell (Derry GAA Minor Footballer) led the presentation. Thank you to Claudy GAA for use of their facilities.

Key Dates

Friday 23rd May
Monday 26th May
Tuesday 27th May
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Wednesday 28th May
Thursday 29th May
Tuesday 27th May
Wednesday 28th May
Thursday 5th June
Thursday 12th June
Monday 23rd June
Tuesday 24th June
Wednesday 25th June
Thursday 26th June
Friday 27th June

Year 9 Parent Tutor Day
Bank Holiday Monday (**college closed for pupils**)
Tracking Examinations Begin for Key Stage 3 pupils
Study Day for Yr. 10 pupils
Study Day for Yr. 9 pupils
Study Day for Yr. 8 pupils
Induction Day for new Yr 8 pupils
Year 11 return from Study Leave
Sports Day (Reserve: Friday 6th June)
Year 10 Retreat
Year 11 End of Year trip (Year 11 pupils not attending remain at home)
Year 9 End of Year trip (Year 9 pupils not attending remain at home)
Year 10 End of Year trip (Year 10 pupils not attending remain at home)
Year 8 End of Year trip (Year 8 pupils not attending remain at home)
End of term (earlier finish for pupils)

Message from Pope Leo XIV

“Peace be with you!

This is the peace of the Risen Christ, an unarmed peace and a disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally....Christ precedes us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge to allow it to be reached by God and by his love...We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive like this square with its open arms, all, all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue and love...

So, I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole Church, for peace in the world and let us also ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace.

*Hail, Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.*

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.*

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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