



5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! Here are this week's messages.

### Winter Examinations

#### Year 10

Pupils In Yr. 10 will have examinations on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Parents/guardians can access the examination timetable via the App. Pupils will remain in school on each of these three days. Pupils will be completing independent study when they are not completing examinations. Yr. 10 pupils will return to normal lessons on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January.



#### Year 11 & Year 12

Pupils In Yr. 11 & Yr. 12 will have examinations from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils are only required to be in the college during these days for their examinations. Parents/guardians can access the examination timetable via the App. Yr. 11 and Yr. 12 pupils will return to normal lessons on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.



### Uniform

On PE days, pupils have two options regarding uniform:

1. Wear school branded PE kit with black/navy bottoms
2. Wear school uniform

**Wearing any other sports gear or wearing black is no longer an option.**

### Voice of the Pupil

Thank you to the pupils in our Journalism club for the 'Voice of the pupil' publication. It is now available to read on the App.

### Ski Trip

We wish our 30 x Year 10 pupils a safe ski trip to Italy. The party leave late tonight and return on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Many thanks to the staff members involved who have worked hard to provide our pupils with this great opportunity.



## Catholic Schools Week 2024

Catholic Schools: Serving Our Communities

The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week in January is '*Catholic Schools: Communities of Service*'.

### Industrial Strike Action

You are likely to have already seen coverage of this in the news, but I wanted to inform you about the day of industrial strike action on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. In the interests of health and safety, it is likely that St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College will have to close for pupils on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### Open Evening

Due to the planned industrial action the college's Open Evening has been postponed from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January to **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.



### Key Dates

Some key dates:

|                    |                                                               |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 13th Jan  | Ski party returns                                             |
| Tuesday 16th Jan   | Diocesan Mass at St. Eugene's to launch Catholic Schools Week |
| Wednesday 17th Jan | Year 8 Retreat                                                |
| Thursday 18th Jan  | National Industrial Strike Action                             |
| Friday 19th Jan    | Winter Examinations begin for Yr. 11 & Yr. 12 pupils          |
| Thursday 25th Jan  | Open Evening                                                  |
| Friday 2nd Feb     | Cross Country event for Primary Schools                       |

### Final Prayer

This weekend we celebrate the epiphany remembering the journey of the wise men to worship the infant Christ.

*God of all heaven and earth,  
From the breath of your love came the creation of the world.*

*We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your children. Be our daily star, Guiding our lives to search for kingdom love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word.*

*Lift our eyes tonight to see your eternal life shining brightly,  
Leading us home.*

**Amen.**

Yours sincerely,

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