



14th June 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Uniform Sale - New & Pre-loved: Thursday 20th June (3.30 - 6.00 p.m.)

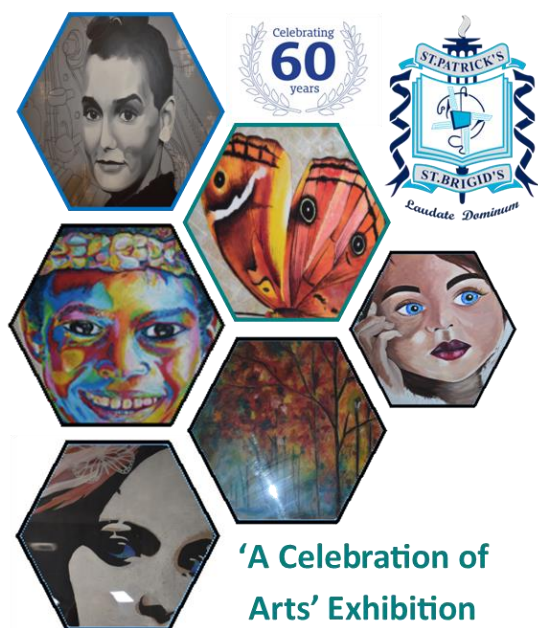
Burns & Co. will be having a Pop-Up Sale at the college on Thursday 20th June (3.30-6.00pm). There will also be pre-loved uniform items available to purchase at unbeatable prices. Below are the prices Burns & Co. will be selling their items for. It will be cash payments only.

- Blazers: £25.00, Jumpers: £15.00, Scarves: £7.50
- P.E Tops: £5.00, P.E Shorts: £5.00, Socks: £3.00

The School Uniform Company will also be attending and will have some great packages:

- Boys: 1 x Blazer, 1 x Jumper, 1 x pair of trousers, 1 x tie and 2 x shirts from **£96.00**
- Girls: 1 x Blazer, 1 x Jumper, 1 x Skirt, 1 x tie, 2 x blouses for **£99.00**

The Education Authority are expecting their system for system for uniform allowances and Free School Meals to be operational from the week beginning Monday 17th June.



'A Celebration of Arts' Exhibition

Date: Thursday 20th June 2024

Time: 3.45 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.

Presentations: 5.45 p.m.

Venue: Assembly Hall

A Celebration of Arts Exhibition

The aim of our exhibition is to celebrate 60 years of 'the Arts' at our college. The event will include the work of pupils, past and present, and will mainly represent work from the Art and the Technology departments.

10 of our current GCSE students will have their work on display. The work on show will range from graphic design to fine art outcomes and it is based on the themes of either 'Structure' or 'Waste'.

We are also exhibiting work from 3 former pupils:

-[Aoife Harvey](#) is an award-winning sustainable fashion designer who was the winner of BBC NI's 'A Stitch Through Time'.

-[Leona Devine](#) is now a practicing ceramicist whose work is inspired by the natural landscape and local environment.

-[Chelsea O'Kane's](#) work was recently exhibited as part of CCEA's 'True Colours' exhibition - an annual collection of the most impressive work produced across Northern Ireland in GCSE and GCE Art and Design.

The exhibition will also include a few portraits by the college's Art Teacher and practicing artist, Mr Coyle.

Fundraising – Make 2nds Count

It is hoped that you can either support our Colour run next Friday or by entering our prize draw which takes place on the same day. There are still some tickets remaining but time is running out. Tickets are £10.00.



Families First Awards

Thank you to everyone who voted for the college in the Families First Awards. The college won a 'Pastoral Care Award' and was 'Highly Commended' for the School of the Year Award. The event was held in the ballroom of the Titanic Exhibition Centre in Belfast. Schools who received nominations from across the country assembled and it was a very special evening.

New Signage

New signage has been put up around the school site. This includes:

- New 'Fire Exit' signs to inform all users of the site of their nearest exits.
- Information regarding 'CCTV' as new cameras have been installed.
- 'Do not climb' signs to help prevent pupils climbing on walls or over fences.

These measures are to help keep your child and any users of the school site safe. If you could reinforce the importance of this signage to your son/daughter then that would be much appreciated.



GAA

Congratulations to Katie in Yr. 10 who was part of the Derry U14 Girls Team who beat Armagh last weekend to become All-Ireland Champions! A fantastic achievement!

Day trips to the Lake, Kilrea (Yr. 9, Yr. 10, Yr. 11)

Thank you to those who have paid their money and returned their child's permission slip for the day trips taking place to the Lake in Kilrea in the W/b Monday 24th June.

Pupils who are not going on their year group day trip are expected to attend school as normal.

The expectations for all of the year groups going to the Lake are the same and are as follows:

- **Mobile phones are not allowed on the trip.** Mobile phones should be left at home or at school. If your son/daughter brings their mobile phone to the college on the day of the trip then it will be collected in before the coach departs, stored securely in the building and returned when the party arrives back at school.
- **Pupils must wear their PE Uniform.** If a pupil refuses to remove any non-branded PE item on the morning then they will not be permitted to go to the Lake and no payment can be re-issued.
- Pupils must bring a packed lunch and a drink. No food items with nuts should be brought and energy drinks are not permitted. Lunch will be provided for anyone on Free School Meals.
- Medical items should be brought on the trip such as inhalers. Pupils will not be able to attend if they do not have the relevant essential medication. It should be the correct, in date medication.
- Pupils should have a swimsuit to wear under their wet suit.
- Pupils should bring a towel and plastic bag to store any wet items in.
- Pupils should bring an old pair of flip flops/trainers to walk from the changing area to the water.
- Sun cream might be required. Check the weather in advance.

Here are some other important points:

- Wet suits and safety equipment will be provided on the day.
- If a parent/guardian needs to make contact with their son/daughter in an emergency then this can take place via the school's administrators. Please do not attempt to contact the venue directly.
- Photographs will be taken on the day to capture the experience and will be circulated on the school's social media platforms.
- Pupils may not be permitted to attend if there are any incidents of misbehaviour in the period leading up to the day trip. This would include any matters relating to defiance.

Key Dates

Some key dates:

Thursday 20 th June	A 'Celebration of Arts Exhibition' from 3.45pm (Presentations at 5.45pm)
Friday 21 st June	Sports Day, Colour Run & Prize Draw
Monday 24 th June	Year 8 Trip to Carrowmena Activity Centre
Monday 24 th June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 9 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 11 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 10 & Year Celebration Assemblies
Wednesday 26 th June	'Claudy's Got 60 Years of Talent' competition (£1 entry fee)
Thursday 27 th June	Year 10 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea
Thursday 27 th June	Year 9 Celebration Assembly Trip
Friday 28 th June	End of Term (12.00 finish)

Final Prayer

"The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary reminds us of the need to respond to the redemptive love of Christ and invites us to entrust ourselves with confidence to the intercession of the mother of the Lord," Pope Francis

*Prayer O Most Holy Heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing, I adore You,
I love You and with a lively sorrow for my sins.
I offer You this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will.
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live In You and for You.
Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions;
Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs,
Your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.
Within Your heart I place my every care.
In every need let me come to You with humble trust saying, Heart of Jesus, help me.
Amen.*

Yours sincerely,



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