



19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are this week's messages.

Winter Weather Conditions

Thank you to all our pupils and staff members who made it to the college on Wednesday but unfortunately there were too many risks with the site on Friday and the absence of road gritting made things even more difficult. The health and safety of our pupils, staff and parents/guardians is paramount and like most other schools in the Foyle Learning Community there was no point taking any unnecessary risks, so the decision was taken to close. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience which may have been caused as a result of this closure.



Open Evening

Our college's Open Evening takes place at 7.00pm on Thursday 25th January 2024. Please spread the word!



Believers are Achievers

OPEN NIGHT

Creating Tomorrow's Leaders, Today

Rescheduled to
Thursday 25th
January 2024
7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

Winter Examinations

Year 10



Pupils In Yr. 10 will have examinations on Monday 22nd January, Tuesday 23rd January and Wednesday 24th January. 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 25th January.

Year 11

Pupils In Yr. 11 will have examinations from Monday 22nd January onwards. Pupils are only required to be on site during these days for their examinations. The examinations which were meant to take place on Friday 19th January could be rescheduled for Monday 29th January when all Yr 11 pupils would be expected to be in school. This is currently under review and will be confirmed via the School App.

Year 12

Pupils in Yr. 12 will have examinations from Monday 22nd January onwards. Pupils are only required to be on site during these days for their examinations. We are hoping to fit the examinations which were meant to take place on Friday 19th January into the current examination timetable. However, this is currently under review and will be confirmed via the School App.

Staff Development Day – Friday 26th January

Parents/guardians are reminded that college is closed on Friday 26th January which is a Staff Development Day.



Catholic Schools Week

Thank you to the pupils and staff representatives who attended the Mass at St. Eugene's Cathedral to mark the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. This is the theme for our next Collective Worship.



Year 8 Retreat

Our Yr. 8 pupils had a wonderful retreat experience on Wednesday this week which closed with a Mass in our local Chapel. Thank you to the R.E Department, the Retreat team and Fr. David O’Kane for organising this.



GEMX Careers Workshop

Our Year 10 pupils attended an Engineering and Manufacturing workshop organised by GEMX to help promote opportunities in the North West. The pupils enjoyed interacting with many different companies and learning about their products and how they are manufactured and sold worldwide.



Barra Best's Weather Watch

This beautiful photograph of our school which was captured on Wednesday this week featured on Barra Best's!



Gaelic Football

Unfortunately, the football blitz for our Yr. 10 & Yr. 11 boys was postponed due to the weather this week. We are waiting to find out when this will be rearranged for.

Key Dates

Some key dates:

Thursday 25th Jan
Friday 26th Jan
Friday 2nd Feb
Friday 9th Feb
Tuesday 5th Mar

Open Evening
Staff Development Day (College closed for pupils)
Cross Country event for Primary Schools
Last day of the Half term
Yr. 10 Parent/Teacher afternoon

Final Prayer

Parents/Guardians of pupils in Yr. 10, Yr. 11 and Yr. 12 are asked to say this prayer with their children during this Winter Examination period.

*Lord,
I know you are with me and love me.
Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.
Help me to focus on my revision and the work which I have completed in lessons and at home.
Keep me from all distractions so that I will make
the best use of the time which is available to me.
Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying,
and help me to remember it.*

Amen.

I continue to keep you and your families in my prayers especially Yr. 10, Yr. 11 and Yr. 12 during the Winter Examinations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. McCullagh'.

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