



20th October 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Music Department



Drum lessons and brass tuition is now available for pupils. Those who might be interested should see our Subject Leader for Music at the college, Mr Doherty. Singing lessons are also available from an experienced musician/tutor and each lesson will last 30 minutes. An individual lesson will cost £12.00, group of 2: £7.00 each and group of 3: £5.00 each.

All lessons have to be paid for in advance.



Maths Week Ireland

Thank you to all our pupils who were involved in various activities relating to this year's 'Maths Week'. Some of these activities from this week have been captured on our Facebook account.

Book Week NI

This week was also 'Book Week N.I.'. Hopefully, some of our parents/guardians will have benefited from the free webinar which took place on Monday night on reading for pleasure and the power of fiction.



Bun Sale

Pope Francis has called for a day of fasting and prayer on Friday 27 October. As a result, the Bun sale which was going to take place during break on Friday will now take place during break on Thursday 26 October. Funds raised will be going towards our Christmas hamper initiative.



Geography Field Trip

Yr. 11 Geography pupils had an excellent field trip to Magilligan on Tuesday and Friday this week to carry out their GCSE Geography fieldwork. Pupils are reminded to catch up with any missed work.

Support for parents/guardians

Financial or other worries? Need some assistance or support? Call ST VINCENT DE PAUL Confidential Local Helpline on 02879300819. Parentline also offer a safe place to feel heard and are a nurturing space to help you make decisions. They can be contacted on: 0808 8020 400



Gaelic Games

Yr. 8 pupils competed in a football blitz at Owenbeg on Wednesday competing in the top division. The boys played some brilliant football, despite the gale force winds, winning two of their games and narrowly losing the other two games. Our U.16 boys' team were narrowly defeated by Gaelscoil Doire, Dungiven yesterday. The coaching team were very proud of the level of effort shown by the boys who kept competing until the final whistle.

A selection of Yr. 9 & Yr. 10 boys will attend an Ulster schools Gaelic Football blitz on Monday 23 October. We wish them the best of luck!

Soccer

Our U14 team lost 2-1 to St. Patrick's (Dungiven) this week. It was a very evenly matched game, and the only difference was the home team conceding a soft second goal. Scorer: Tiarnan Donnelly (9C).

Uniform and Appearance

Here is a reminder of what is stated on Page 7 of the pupil planner regarding uniform:

- School jumper
- Formal Black/Navy socks/tights
- School scarf (no fashion scarves)
- Non-school branded hoodies and track suit tops are not permitted to be worn within the buildings and grounds
- A school coat and fleece can be purchased
- Pupils must be in full uniform coming to and from school. This will project a positive image of both the pupil and our college.

Non branded coats can be worn providing that they are **black or navy**. Coats have to be removed before entering buildings.

A **black or navy scarf is also acceptable** so that it is consistent with the other uniform items.

SCHOOL UNIFORM	
BOYS	GIRLS
1. Navy Blazer with regulation badge	1. Navy Blazer with regulation badge
2. School jumper	2. School jumper
<i>School jumper is compulsory from Malinscross to St Patrick's Day</i>	
3. Navy regulation trousers (Fashion Trousers are not permitted)	3. Navy regulation skirt (21 inch length)
4. White shirt	4. White blouse
5. Regulation clip-on tie ONLY	5. Regulation clip-on tie ONLY
<i>Plain Black Shoes (Vans/Converse or similar black canvas style footwears are not permitted)</i>	
6. <i>Formal</i> Black/Navy socks (no ankle socks)	6. Navy or black tights
7. School scarf (no fashion scarves)	7. School scarf (no fashion scarves)
P.E. UNIFORM	
MFC gear (see Packs)	
Plain navy/black track suit bottoms/leggings can be worn	
REGULATIONS GOVERNING UNIFORM	
All items of school uniform (including P.E. kit) must be clearly marked with pupil's name.	
1) Non-school branded hoodies & Track suit tops are <u>not permitted</u> to be worn within the buildings and grounds.	
2) School skirts may not be worn shorter than 4cms above the knee.	
3) A school coat and fleece with crest can be purchased from Burns & Co. of Drapendown (028) 79628495.	
4) Pupils must be in full uniform coming to and from school. This will project a positive image of both the pupil and our College.	

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Key Dates

Friday 27 th Oct	Day of fasting and prayer
Monday 30 th Oct – Friday 3 rd Nov	Half-Term break
W/b Monday 6 th Nov	National Chemistry Week
Sunday 6 th Nov	Diocesan Mass for Deceased Children and Young
Thursday 16 th Nov	Staff Development Day (school closure for pupils)
Friday 17 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 30 th Nov	Prize Giving Evening (7.00 p.m. start)
Friday 1 st Dec	Yr. 8 Parent/Tutor Day
Thursday 21 Dec	Last Day of Term (12.00 finish)

Final Prayer

We continue to pray for peace in our world.

*Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.
We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food,
shelter or medical supplies. We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace.
May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.
Lord hear us.*

Yours sincerely,



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