



23rd August 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some important information for you:



GCSE Examination Results Day

Yesterday was a day for celebration for our whole school community. Thank you to the parents/guardians who played such a vital role in supporting their children with their studies and to the staff for their uncompromising drive to provide the pupils the best possible opportunities.



I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the pupils themselves for their hard work and dedication. We wish them the very best of luck on the next part of their journey.



Back to School Dates

Our new Yr. 8 cohort will be in college on the morning of Thursday 29th August: 9.15 a.m. – 12.00 midday.

Our new Yr. 11 cohort will be in college on the morning of Friday 30th August: 9.15 a.m. – 12.00 midday.

There will be no buses available on these days, so parents/guardians are asked to transport their children to and from the college. The canteen will not be open, and pupils are asked to bring a snack item with them for their break. Pupils will be dismissed at 12.00 midday so that they can have their lunch at home.

All pupils are in college from Monday 2nd September – full day: 9.15 a.m. – 3.35 p.m. The canteen opens again as usual from this date.

Uniform and Appearance Expectations



Pupils are reminded of the following before the start of the new term:

- Black/Navy socks only - white & ankle socks are not permitted.
- Black leather shoes - No Converse/Vans/Trainers.
- Black/Navy Coats - hoodies should not be worn as a replacement for a coat.
- School branded hoodies can only be worn as part of the P.E kit.
- Facial piercings are not allowed. Two pairs of studs are permitted - no hoops.
- Skirts are to be worn properly - hem to be on the knee when standing.
- No extreme haircuts - natural colours only.
- No excessive make-up

Equipment list

Please find a list of equipment below which is essential for school and which pupils are expected to have. Equipment checks will take place to ensure that the pupils have these items in order to be able to take an active part in lessons.

- Pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil case (ideally a clear one)
- Circular protractor
- Colouring pencils
- Calculator

Planners

Pupils will be provided with a planner. The main purpose of this planner is to record homework. There are also many helpful subject specific pages to help the pupils with their learning. Parents/Guardians are expected to check their child's planner on a weekly basis.

Back to School – Supporting an anxious child workshop – Tuesday 20th August 7.00pm

There is a free workshop online via 'Zoom' for parents/guardians on how to support their child if he/she is anxious about returning to school. The workshop will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 29th August. For further information or to book a place please call: 0800 8020 400.

Parental Information Evenings – W/b Monday 9th September

Please note the Parental Information Evening dates to launch the new academic year are listed below. These information evenings will be held in person in the Assembly Hall but will not be available to stream online. These are important evenings for parents/carers to attend without their children. Examples of topics which will be covered include Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE). The dates are as follows:

- Year 8:** 4.00pm on Monday 9th September
- Year 9:** 5.00pm on Monday 9th September
- Year 10:** 5.00pm on Tuesday 10th September
- Year 11:** 5.00pm on Wednesday 11th September
- Year 12:** 5.00pm on Thursday 12th September



School Levy

In these difficult times for schools, I am appealing to parents/guardians to donate to the school levy to help fund the numerous opportunities for extra-curricular development. Over the years the generous donations of our parents/guardians have become a lifeline, supporting the extensive extra-curricular programme of which the college is rightly proud.

We ask for a contribution of £30.00 per pupil and ask that this is paid in the w/b Monday 2nd September.

Government funding provides the school with the resources for day-to-day teaching and learning but it does not contribute towards the wide range of extra-curricular activities that make St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College so special.

Trip to Paris – Deposit required.

Pupils going to Paris in the new academic year are reminded that their £250 deposit is due in the w/b Monday 2nd September.

Key Dates

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| Friday 30 th August | New Yr. 11 pupils in college (morning only: 9.15 a.m. - 12.00 midday) |
| Monday 2 nd September | <u>All</u> pupils in college – full day (9.15 a.m. – 3.35 p.m.) |

Final Prayer

*Give us the open hearts and minds we need to listen to God whispering to us and guiding our paths.
May we ask Jesus to walk with us in our lives, so that we too may live out his love and compassion.*

Amen.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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