



26th January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are this week's messages.

Open Evening – Thank you

Thank you to all of our pupils who were able to support our main Open event yesterday. It was a very successful night.



Winter Examinations – Monday 29th January

There is a Technology & Design Examination on Monday morning for Year 11 pupils. Pupils who do not study Technology & Design are expected to be in normal lessons.

Monday 29th January will also be used for any pupils in Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 to catch up on any examinations which they have missed.



Industrial Action by Translink – Thursday 1st February

The Education Authority (EA) has been informed by Translink that they are expecting there will be no train or bus services – Ulsterbus, Goldliner, Metro or Glider, operating on Thursday 1st February 2024, due to Industrial strike action.

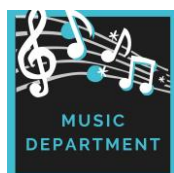
St. Brigid's Day Mass – Thursday 1st February

Bishop McKeown will be leading a St. Brigid's Day Mass at St. Brigid's Church, Carnhill at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1st February. All are welcome to attend.



Free Food Friday

The college will be supporting families on Friday 2nd February and Friday 9th February via a 'Free Food Friday' initiative which has taken place before. This initiative is funded by The James Kane Foundation. The procedure for 'Free Food Friday' will be shared by Form Tutors.



Music Department

Would you like your child to learn a musical instrument or improve their singing voice? Specialist tutors visit our college each week to deliver music lessons in singing, brass, woodwind, and violin. Some spaces have become available, and we would like to offer your

child an opportunity to take lessons in singing, violin, trumpet or trombone.

If your child already plays an Irish traditional instrument- tin whistle, bodhran, mandolin, fiddle etc. we have space in our Irish traditional group lessons.

If interested, pupils should ask Mr. Doherty (music) for further details.

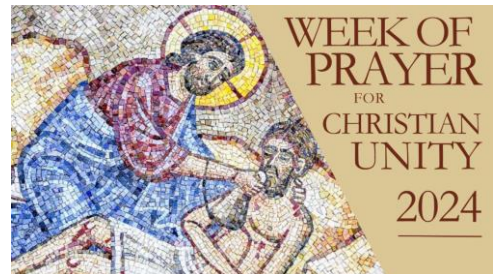
Key Dates

Some key dates:

Thursday 1 st Feb	Industrial Strike Action by Translink
Thursday 1 st Feb	St. Brigid's Day Mass at 7pm, St Brigid's – Carnhill
Friday 2 nd Feb	Cross Country event for Primary Schools
Friday 9 th Feb	Last day of the Half term
Tuesday 5 th Mar	Yr. 10 Parent/Teacher Day

Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) began on Thursday 18th January and ran to the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul yesterday. During this time, we were asked to celebrate the faith we share in Christ – and to pray that we may be instruments of his great love throughout the world. The theme for this year was: 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'. It focuses on the parable of the Good Samaritan, and Jesus' call to see all humanity as our neighbours.



Final Prayer

It seems appropriate to finish with a prayer written by St. Thomas Aquinas whose feast day is on Sunday.

*Grant us,
O Lord my God,
minds to know you,
hearts to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.*

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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