



30th August 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some important information for you:



At St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College, we believe in fostering an environment where every pupil can achieve academically, socially, and emotionally. Our Christian values serve as the foundation of our school culture. These values are not just words; they guide our actions and help us build a positive community.

It was heartening to see our Yr. 8 pupils yesterday and our Yr. 11 pupils today. We look forward to having all year groups in school from Monday. During Collective Worship next week we will be speaking to the pupils about what respectful behaviour looks like. This includes speaking kindly to one another, following school rules, taking care of school property, and being considerate of our local community.

We are committed to helping our pupils understand the importance of these behaviours and the impact they have on everyone around them. For those pupils who do not adhere to these standards, we have outlined clear consequences. These measures are designed not just as punishments, but as opportunities for pupils to learn from their mistakes and make amends. We ask for your support in reinforcing these Christian values at home and celebrate any of your child's successes when he/she does well.



Back to School Dates

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:

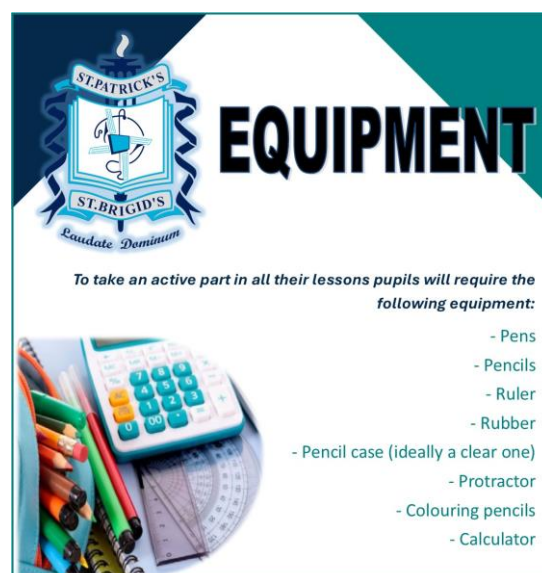
- Black/Navy socks only - white & ankle socks are not permitted.
- Black leather shoes - No Converse/Vans/Trainers.
- Black/Navy Coats - hoodies should not be worn as a replacement for a coat.
- School branded hoodies can only be worn as part of the P.E kit.
- Facial piercings are not allowed. Two pairs 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 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.

Planners

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



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 Mon 2nd Sept.

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 payment is due the w/b Monday 2nd September.

Key Dates

Monday 2 nd September	All pupils in college – full day (9.15 a.m. – 3.35 p.m.)
W/b 9 th September	Parents Information Evenings begin
Tuesday 10 th September	Photographer in school (Yr. 8 & Yr. 12)

Final Prayer

*God our Father, we thank you that our
children can now return to their school community.
We entrust them to the tender care of your son Jesus.
May they know that he is with them each day,
in their joy, in their learning,
and when they are unsure or afraid.
We ask your blessing on all who will support and
encourage them throughout the year.
May we be guided by the Holy Spirit in the ways of
Jesus.*

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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