



29th November 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Cold Weather

Can I please remind you of the school uniform rules during colder weather. We would like pupils to be warm when travelling to and from the college and pupils are able to wear an outdoor coat over their blazer.

- The coat must be plain and either black or navy preferably without fur trim.
- Any hats, scarfs or gloves should be plain and can be either black or navy.
- Any vests should be white or cream.
- Pupils should not be wearing leggings as part of their school uniform.
- Outdoor clothing can be worn outside at break and lunch but is not permitted to be worn in classrooms. The heating will be on every day until the weather warms again.
- Please ensure your child's overcoat enables his/her blazer to be worn. Layering keeps in the heat more and pupils should not be carrying their blazers whilst wearing outdoor clothing.
- **Hoodies are not permitted.**
- College branded hoodies can only be worn as part of the P.E Uniform.

Year 8 Parent/Tutor Day

Sincere thanks to all the parents/guardians of Yr. 9 pupils who attended our Parent/Tutor event this morning.



Advent Reflection

Advent reflection started before school this morning. It will take place again before school next Friday in the R.E department. This is for both staff members and pupils. It will start at 8.50 a.m. and end at 9.05 a.m.

Women's Aid

Thank you to Women's Aid who visited yesterday to facilitate a workshop to Year 10 pupils on 'Healthy Relationships'.

Key Stage 4 Prizegiving

We welcomed back our former Yr. 12 pupils last night and their parents/guardians for our senior Prizegiving. It was a wonderful occasion and our special guest, Mt Stephen Barker, spoke passionately about having a vision and the importance of hard work.



Winter Tests: W/b Monday 9th December

Parents/Guardians should check the School App for the Winter tests timetable. It is important parents/guardians know when their child should be in school.

SVP Hamper Collection

We are delighted to launch our Christmas Hamper Appeal for SVP. The RE Department kindly ask that all non-perishable food donations be brought to school on **Tuesday 3rd December**. Collection boxes will be in each Form room. These hampers will go a long way to help those in our community this Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Craft Fair & Santa Experience

We will be having a Craft Fair & Santa Experience here at the college from 12.00 - 4.00pm on **Saturday 30th November**. Please come and support what will be a lovely event to get you in the festive spirit.

The school is seeking donations from Parents/Guardians of the following items for the event.

The Bottle Stall – Any 'round' bottles e.g. Lemonade, body sprays, shampoo, wine bottles*, sauces etc.

Luxury Hamper Raffle – Items such as Boxes of Chocolates, Share bags of Crisps, Bottles of Wine*, Family size packets of biscuits etc.

The Refreshments Stall – Small cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, traybakes, kitkats, twixs (no nut-based foods please) etc.

The Santa Experience – Any old Christmas Trees, Working Lights or Decorations.

*Wine / Alcohol-based drinks should be delivered by the parent / an adult to the school.

All items should be left in the office for safekeeping.

All money raised from this school Christmas Event will be going to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your support in advance and we hope to see you there!



Key Dates

Saturday 30 th November	Craft Fair & Santa Experience (12.00 - 4.00 p.m.)
Tuesday 3 rd December	Christmas Hamper deadline
Monday 9 th December	Winter Tests Begin
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas dinner (provisional)
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Prize Draw for SVP
Wednesday 18 th December	Carol Service (PM)
Thursday 19 th December	Term ends at 12.00 p.m.

Final prayer

Lord,

You have warned us through your Son Jesus Christ that those who follow Him may be oppressed and abused because of their faith.

We pray for all those who are experiencing this type of persecution.

You are a protector and provider for all those who follow You.

Remind those who are in danger that You are present with them.

Please protect and uphold them by Your righteous hand.

Amen

Yours sincerely,



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