



28th February 2025



Collective Worship

The themes for Collective Worship in this half term are as follows:

- W/b 17th February: St. Brigid
- W/b 24th February: Aspiration (linked to National Careers Week)
- W/b 3rd March: Lent
- W/b 10th March: Tracking Week
- W/b Wednesday 19th March: St. Patrick
- W/b 24th March: Foyle Hospice 40th Anniversary Celebration
- W/b 31st March: Charity
- W/b 7th April: Hope & Renewal
- W/b 14th April: Celebration

Ash Wednesday

The distribution of ashes will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 5th March. Please be advised that there will still be lunch provision in the canteen on this day but that there will be no meat on offer.

Here are the times for each year group to assemble in the Hall:

- Year 11: 2.20pm
- Year 10: 2.40pm
- Yr 8 & Yr 9: 3.00pm
- Year 12: 3.15pm



Reflection during Lent

There will be a reflection before school each Friday in the R.E before school (8.50-9.05am). This is for both pupils and staff members.

House System – 1 week to go to get your views!

The college is planning to launch a new House System in the next academic year, and we are keen to get the views of parents/guardians. Could you please complete the survey by 12.00pm on Friday 7th March. The survey can be accessed from the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Fp15sEmpQm> Thank you to those parents/guardians who have responded so far.



Trip to Paris

Reminder: second last payment of £100.00 is due on Tuesday 4th March.

Ski Trip

46 pupils in Year 9 expressed their interest for 30 places regarding the college ski trip next January. The selection took place via a lottery. The pupils on the waiting listing know their ranking in case some pupils are unable to attend. The parents/guardians of those on the waiting list are asked to collect their deposit in person.

Year 10 Options Process

The Year 10 pupils received presentations from Heads of Departments this week. A copy of the Options booklet will be available on the School App. The deadline for completion of the Options Form is Thursday 10th April.

Year 10 & Year 11 Parent Teacher Meetings

The Year 10 and Year 11 Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 2nd April when the college will be closed for pupils.

Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting: 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Year 11 Parent Teacher Meeting: 12.45 - 3.15 p.m.

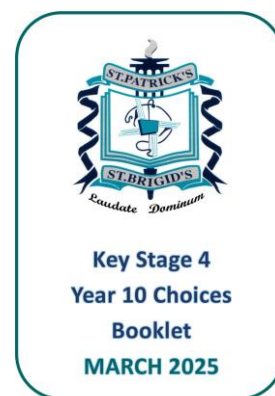
Year 10 and Year 11 pupils are asked to accompany their parents/guardians (uniform not required) on Wednesday 2nd April. There will be surveys available for completion at the end. Parents/guardians are asked to not arrive just before the sessions are about to end.

Gaelic Football (Boys) – McEvoy Cup U 15.5yrs

The U15.5 (Year 10/11) Gaelic team played St. Patrick's Dungiven last week in the remaining McEvoy Cup blitz group game. Prior to the mid-term break they had beaten Loreto Coleraine but were defeated by Gaelcholaiste Dhoire and Holy Cross Strabane leaving the boys with a mountain to climb.

With two period of 10 minutes to play and with St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's needing a *huge* win to progress to the knockout stages, the odds were well and truly stacked against the boys in blue. In very windy conditions on the Owenbeg 3G, SPB elected to play against the strong breeze. The plan was to contain the Dungiven attack but after shipping very 3 soft goals, it was Dungiven who were in the ascendancy.

The second half was an all or nothing affair and the Claudy lads threw the kitchen sink at the task. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough, and they fell short. Both teams agreed to play a 20-minute friendly after the initial 20 minutes and this was of great value, allowing the whole squad to get valuable gametime. All this is in preparation for a tilt at the U16.5 title next year!



Key Dates

Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Services (No meat available in the canteen on this day)
Friday 7 th March	Weekly 'Friday Reflection' mornings begin during Lent (8.50 - 9.05 a.m.)
Monday 17 th March	Public Holiday
Tuesday 18 th March	Staff Development Day 5 (College Closed for pupils)
Wednesday 2 nd April	Yr 10 PTM (9.30-12.00) and Yr 11 PTM (12.45-3.15) College closed for pupils
Friday 4 th April	Year 8 Retreat
Thursday 10 th April	Lenten Service for KS3 pupils from 2.00 p.m.
Wednesday 16 th April	End of Term – Full Day. Finish time: 3.35 p.m.

Final prayer

*Send Your Spirit of healing, that She may accompany our shepherd Pope Francis in his illness.
As he endures pain and discomfort, give him strength and peace.
May he experience the continued grace of your mercy.
May your unconditional love comfort him and help him heal.*

Amen

Yours sincerely,



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