23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Closure



Only pupils in Year 12 will be in school on Monday 2nd November. All other year groups will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November after the half term break at Halloween.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Meeting

The Year 12 Parent Teacher Meeting will take place from 1.30 – 3.15pm on Monday 2nd November. Year 12 pupils will have normal lessons Periods 1 -5A and will have their lunch during Period 5B. There will be no buses available in the afternoon. Year 12 pupils can leave with their parent/guardians once they have finished their parent teacher meetings.



Bonus Ball

Week 1 Winner: Fr. O'Kane (Ball Number 50)

Winter Uniform



With the colder and wetter autumnal weather ahead of us, some pupils have started to wear outdoor coats.

We would like pupils to be warm when travelling to and from school, but this should not be a hoody.

The outdoor coat must be plain and black or navy.



Team of the Year

Huge congratulations to our U15.5 Gaelic team, who were named Youth Team/School Team of the Year 2025/26 at the Derry & Strabane District Council Sports Awards, held in the Guildhall last night. The team received their award from Mayor Cllr Grace Uí Niallais, in recognition of their fantastic achievement in winning the Ulster title last year. A tremendous honour and richly deserved recognition for the entire panel. Special congratulations must also go to their coaches, Mr White and Mr Ball, whose commitment, encouragement and hard work played such an important part in the team's success. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved and wish the panel every success for the year ahead.



Girls' Gaelic

Congratulations to our Yr 8 Girls Gaelic Football team, who represented the school brilliantly at this week's blitz in Ballinascreen The girls showed great determination and teamwork throughout the event, competing against St Pius X (Magherafelt), Holy Trinity (Cookstown), Holy Cross (Strabane), St Mary's (Limavady) & Gaelcholaiste Dhoire.

We are incredibly proud of the attitude, effort & commitment shown by all the girls. The future is bright for these girls!

Key Dates:

W/b Monday 26th October	Half Term Break
Monday 2nd November	Year 12 pupils in school
Monday 2nd November	Year 12 Parent Teacher Meeting (1.30 – 3.15pm)
Tuesday 3rd November	All year groups in school

Final Prayer

Heavenly Father,

thank you for the gift of prayer, the example of Our Lady,

and the witness of the saints.
May our students continue to grow in faith,
find peace in your presence,
and be inspired to bring your love to others.
As we prepare to approach half term,
may we rest in your care and return refreshed in body,

mind and spirit.
Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

P. McCullagh.

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